

## 98 – Upon whose name are you called?

Everyone is called by his or her name. I've been called Tom Taylor for over 61 years; it's what I answer to and it's my legal identity. As a kid, whenever my mom or dad called me in for dinner, they called me by my name. My last name is also my dad's last name, so I could say that I am called by **his** name. He taught me that there was more **to** my name – by that I mean more to its importance – when I was a teenager; whenever I left the house to go out with a group of friends, my dad would look at me and say, "Remember who you are and who you represent."

This all follows on the heels of Sunday's Jamie Church, when Barbara talked about, among other things, the scripture from **2 Chronicles 7:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, <sup>14</sup> if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

When Barbara shared this scripture with me earlier in the week, I saw something I'd never seen before: the 4 most important words in that scripture are in verse 14:

my people, who are called by my name

Actually, we could tighten the focus to four words: "**called by my name.**" The rest of the passage goes through the end of **verse 16:**

<sup>15</sup> Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. <sup>16</sup> I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

### Here's how the CLV reads:

When **[not if, notice...WHEN]** my people upon whom My Name has been called, are submissive and pray...

Upon means over, so read it again: using OVER whom

In other words, these are the people over whom My Name has been called. My Name has been called over them – it covers them, it rests on them, it surrounds them; it goes before them and follows them everywhere.

### Now verse 16:

Now I have chosen and sanctified this House for My Name to be there **unto the eon.** My eyes and My heart will be there all the days.

Notice: that God has chosen a place -- a House – for His name unto the eon, where His eyes and His heart will be all the days; that is all the days.

Let me just say: Watch the Middle East. Watch what happens in and surrounding Israel. Just a quick aside: Barbara sent me an email from an organization which was the only one in the U.S. to report what the Israeli Defense Force and the Jerusalem Post reported: that over 130 rockets were fired by Palestinians into Israel on Saturday, injuring 9 people and forcing over 500,000 Israeli citizens into bomb shelters overnight. No western media – not one – picked up this story. What they DID report was Israel's air strike on Palestinian targets in Gaza, framing them as if they were unprovoked.

Abraham's kids have been at odds for centuries, and I have seen things heat up in Israel several times in my life, so I *cannot* say that this is THE definitive sign that the end of this eon is near. We still have a beast and a false prophet who have yet to become known. I'm just saying watch what goes on in the land where God has placed His Name, His eyes, and His heart.

Meanwhile, The words, "upon whom My Name is called," have captivated me for almost a week, when Barbara shared with me – before last Sunday's Jammie Church – the scripture she read from 2 Chronicles 7.

Remember how frequently in these studies, we have reviewed the importance God places on His Name, from **Psalm 139:2** –

"You have magnified Your name, Your promise [Your saying or declaration] over all else."

Tonight, I'd like to add a scripture which, like this one in Psalm 139, sets the plumb line for our time tonight:

**Acts 4:12** (this is Peter speaking to the elders of Israel's Sanhedrin after He had spoken to the lame man sitting at the gate of the Sanctuary)

there is no salvation in any other one, for neither is there any other name, given under heaven among men, in which we must be saved."

If God put His Name over Israel, so that the scripture would say, "My people, upon whom My Name is called," how much more could it be said of the Body of Christ – that we are His people upon whom His Name is called? We are filled with His spirit; we were designated "**beforehand for the place of a son**" (**Ephesians 1:5**). I am not usurping Israel's place here...I am merely expanding on the word in **2 Chronicles 7**, because God has become our Father, and we are His children, **Romans 8:16** declares).

Jesus said, “***I have come in the name of My Father...***” (John 5:43). Would we not say that Jesus was One upon Whom the Name of the Lord was – and is – called? Well, we have been baptized into His Name, and not only the Name of Jesus Christ, but “***into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit***” (Matthew 28:19). We have been “***justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus***” (1 Cor. 6).

We did a whole study on the importance of His name, so I won't get into all that again now; except to say that The Name of the Lord is equal in importance to His saying, His declaration, His promise. Name is singular, and so is the word promise. He is identified with – He is represented BY – His promise as much as by His name. They are inseparable. There is nothing, in the heavens or on the Earth, which earns the distinction of being magnified over His Name and His promise.

I am submitting tonight that it is for the sake of His name that His purpose – “***the purpose of the eons, which He makes in Christ Jesus, our Lord***” (Ephesians 3:11), was **set in place**, and **for** the sake of His promise that Jesus Christ came, died, was resurrected, sits now at the right hand of the Father, and is today the “***mediator of God and man***” (1 Timothy 2:5). His promise is formed in “***the counsell of His will***” that we read about in **Ephesians 1:11**); the vindication of His name and the fulfillment of His promise occur when, “***God will be all in all***” (1 Cor. 15:28).

Yesterday, I had the privilege of talking with a young man who has only recently come to Jesus and received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. At 6:30 yesterday morning, when I was in the kitchen preparing almost 2 gallons of the lemonade drink for what is now Day 4 of our 10-day lemonade cleanse, The Lord gave me a word for this young man, who called me later in the afternoon – after he had finished all the chores he had to do around the house, which I complimented him on, because it was part of the witness that his life has now become to all who know him and, more importantly, to the celestials whose purpose is to slander God's name, His character and, if possible, thwart or delay His purpose.

I want to share with you the word that the Lord had me give this young man, because it applies to each of us individually as God's son or daughter, and to all of us collectively as the Body of Christ.

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