

SPEAKING the Names of God: JESUS

The ancients believed that *speaking* the names of their gods *invoked* the deity's authority, protection, and power on their behalf...

- Invoke: "Cite or appeal to something or someone for support..."
 - Dropping Names...
 - Paul invoked his Roman Citizenship when he was arrested or "I'm an American Citizen"

The Name of Jesus

John 1:9-12

He was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name...

- Do you "believe in His name" and if so, what does that really mean?

Colossians 3:17

Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

- What does this mean?
 - "I'm doing this for Jesus?"
 - "In remembrance of Him?"
- OR
- My words & actions are backed by the unrivaled powers of heaven, and the King of kings

He Is the Ultimate Power and Authority Who Will Support Me in His Work

John 14:12-14

Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do... And whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

Luke 10:17

When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!"

But Understand, it's not that it's a magical word ("Open Sesame," "Abracadabra") or a secret password that you use for your own interest and bidding...We don't wield the King or His power like a subservient genie...

Acts 19:13-20

¹³ A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, "I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!" ¹⁴ Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. ¹⁵ But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit

replied, "I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?" ¹⁶ Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered.

¹⁷ The story of what happened spread quickly all through Ephesus, to Jews and Greeks alike. **A solemn fear descended on the city, and the name of the Lord Jesus was greatly honored.** ¹⁸ Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices. ¹⁹ A number of them who had been practicing sorcery brought their incantation books and burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars. ²⁰ So the message about the Lord spread widely and had a powerful effect.

- "According to His Will"

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, **if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.** And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, **we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.**

Speaking His Name is a Reassertion that We Trust Him and a Witness, Ask Him, In Faith Invoke the Name of Jesus...

- For Your Needs

John 16:23 **"...My Father will grant you whatever you ask in My Name.**

- For Protection

Proverbs 18:10 **The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe.**

Romans 10:13 **For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."**

- For Healing

James 5:14

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."

- Friend named Steve in Illinois who took this to heart, and prayed for a little girl suffering from a tragic accident...couldn't get out of her wheelchair – He prayed fervently in "the name of the Lord" for her to walk again...
 - He was encouraged because he felt like the Lord shared with him that she would walk again very soon...then she died.
 - He asked the Lord, why did you tell me, if you knew...
 - He told Steve..."What do you mean...She is walking...she's running...she's dancing...!"

**It often doesn't look the way we expect it...
but it ALWAYS, in the final outcome is better than we could have ever imagined.**

Glory and Honor for Who He Is

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 10:17-20

When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!" ¹⁸ "Yes," he told them, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! ¹⁹ Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. ²⁰ **But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven.**"

Rejoice that Jesus has never and will never forsake you or leave you....one of the last things he said to his disciples...

You are His...Call for Him...He will ALWAYS come...