

Topic: Highest Name
Text: Matthew 1:21; Philippians 2:9-11
Theme: “The Father gave the Son the Highest Name as the source of victory”

Optional Introduction

- Jesus is the only Man (and God) who bears 115 names and titles.
- Some of His familiar names and titles are: Alpha and Omega, Bread of Life, Christ, Creator, God, I Am, Emmanuel, King of Israel, Lamb of God, Life, Lord, Messiah, Rock, Saviour, Word.
- Some of His “unheard” names and titles may cause me to read them twice and slowly: Arm of the Lord, Apostle of our Profession, Faithful Witness, Firstborn from the Dead, Holy Child, Hope, Image of God, Our Husband, Wisdom of God, Witness.
- One of these names and titles rises above the rest: the Name JESUS. When the Father named His Son, “Jesus,” He had this in mind: It will be the Name above all names and it will be His believer’s source of victory.
- The Name connotes God’s humanity as it denotes authority, power, honour and glory. Hence, this Name brings down all knees in heaven and on earth (Philippians 2:10).

For reference, these are the 115 Names and Titles of Jesus:

Atoning Sacrifice for our Sins • Author of Life • Author and Perfecter of our Faith • Author of Salvation • Beginning and End • Blessed and only Ruler • Bread of God • Bread of Life • Bridegroom • Capstone • Chief Cornerstone • Chief Shepherd • Christ • Cornerstone • Counselor • Creator • Deliverer • Door of the Sheep • Eternal Life • Everlasting Father • Faithful and True • Faithful Witness • Faithful and True Witness • First and Last • Firstborn From the Dead • Firstborn over all creation • Gate • God • Good Shepherd • Governor • Great Shepherd • Great High Priest • Head of the Church • Heir of all things • High Priest • Holy and True • Holy Child • Holy One • Hope • Hope of Glory • Horn of Salvation • I Am • Image of God • Immanuel • Judge of the living and the dead • King Eternal • King of Israel • King of the Jews • King of kings • King of the Ages • Lamb • Lamb of God • Lamb Without Blemish • Last Adam • Life • Light of the World • Lion of the Tribe of Judah • Living One • Living Stone • Lord • Lord of All • Lord of Glory • Lord of lords • Man from Heaven • Mediator of the New Covenant • Messiah • Mighty God • Morning Star • Offspring of David • Only Begotten Son of God • Our Great God and Saviour • Our Holiness • Our Husband • Our Protection • Our Redemption • Our Righteousness • Our Sacrificed Passover Lamb • Power of God • Precious Cornerstone • Prince of Peace • Prophet • Rabbi • Resurrection and Life • Righteous Branch • Righteous One • Rock • Root of David • Rose of Sharon • Ruler of God’s Creation • Ruler of the Kings of the Earth • Saviour • Son of David • Son of God • Son of Man • Son of the Most High God • Source of Eternal Salvation • The One Mediator • The Stone the builders rejected • True Bread • True Light • True Vine • Truth • Way • Wisdom of God • Witness • Wonderful • Word • Word of God

I. THE NAME JESUS IS OUR SOURCE OF SALVATION

Acts 4:12 “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” (NIV)

A. No other name can save us.

1. If the angel did not appear in Joseph's dream about the baby's name to be Jesus, THEN, there is no salvation. (Matthew 1:21)
2. “Jesus” means (“the Lord saves”) He will save His people from sin.
3. Not even the name of any religious leader or dead saints can save anyone. Not even His title Lord or his Divine name Son of God (or any other of the 115 names and titles can save us, but by His Name Jesus).
4. Satan can assume the title Lord of darkness or God of darkness or Prince of darkness but cannot assume the name Jesus.
5. Hence it is wise to pray for one's salvation in Jesus' name (e.g. “Father I believe that my friend James will be saved in Jesus' name.”)

B. Believing in His Name means life. (John 20:31)

1. “Life” simply means having an eternal life after death (John 20:31) while “Death” means “eternal separation from God.”
2. The first Adam gave us CURSES (sinful nature, sickness, poverty) and DEATH, while the second Adam (Jesus) gave us BLESSINGS (healing, prosperity, salvation) and LIFE.
3. Jesus redeemed (bought back) us from the penalty of sin and restored us to the blessing of life.

II. THE NAME JESUS IS OUR SOURCE OF BLESSINGS

John 14:13 "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.

V14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." (NIV)

A. Ask anything in His name, He will do it.

1. We need to ASK in order to get (Matthew 7:7). If we don't ask, we only get the basic ones. If we ask, we get better ones. If we ask in the name of Jesus, we get the best ones.
2. There is nothing too hard for God to answer our prayers and provide for our needs IF they are asked in the Name of Jesus.

B. It is God's will to prosper us. (Philippians 4:19)

1. In the OT, God prospered (and became millionaires) Abraham, Job, King David, King Solomon, etc. for being godly.
2. In the NT, God prospers Christians (according to His riches and glory (Phil 4:19), in the name of Jesus.

C. It is God's will that we are in good health. (3 John 2)

1. God doesn't want us sick; Jesus paid for our sickness. Sickness is the result of sin of Adam and Eve. When they disobeyed God, death came into the world: Spiritual death = separation from God; Physical Death = is a matured sickness.
2. Jesus paid for our sickness (Isaiah 53:5) Jesus received 39 lashes, and according to science, there are only 39 types of diseases.

III. THE NAME JESUS IS OUR SOURCE OF POWER

Mark 16:17 "And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

V18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." (NIV)

A. There is power in the Name of Jesus.

<u>Jesus (Man)</u>	<u>Christ (God)</u>
- mentioned 979x in NT	577x in NT
181,253 words in NT/979	181,253/577
= Jesus is mentioned for every 180 words	= Christ is mentioned for every 314 words

B. To receive power through His Name means being a believer and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

1. "In my name" is equated to full power of attorney.
2. He wants all believers to be powerful Christians, not just simple Church-goers, or tithe-givers, but to be demon-drivers, snake-pickers, tongue speakers, "poison-drinkers", sickness-healers.

C. To do greater works than He did. (John 14:12)

1. Jesus received the Spirit without measure, but He did not perform other miracles because the situation did not call for it.

<u>Jesus Miracles</u>	<u>Christian Miracles</u>
Healed all sicknesses	Peter healed through his shadow
Cast out demons	Paul healed and cast out demons through his handkerchief
Raised the dead	Wigglesworth raised 20 dead people
Cleansed the lepers	Eddie Villanueva prayed for empty LPG tank
Multiplied food	Jesse Duplantis was transported from one place to another to heal a sick boy
Walked on water	
Restored severed ears	
Turned water into wine	
Calmed the storm	