

The Power of Jesus' Name

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Introduction: Open your Bible to the book of **Isaiah 9:6**. We are also looking at **Matthew 1:21-25**. This evening the title of our message is: "The Power of Jesus' Name".

Introduction: A name gets our attention. In the whole universe, when the name of Jesus is spoken angels bow and devils tremble. The human race is the only race of beings not afraid of Christ's powerful name. It is quite indicative of our blindness.

The Bible tells us that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (**Philippians 2:10-11**).

In our day, names do not hold much significance. William Shakespeare said, **"A rose by any other name would smell just as sweet."** For us, names are just a way to tell things apart.

It was not always this way. In Old Testament times, a name stood for a person's **"reputation, their fame and their glory."** Parents often gave children names that described the parent's hopes and future expectations regarding that child.

The word translated **"name"** in the Old Testament literally means **"A mark or a brand."** People were given the names they were given for a reason. A study of Bible names often reveals much about the personality of the people mentioned in the Bible.

- For instance, David means **"Beloved."**
- Abraham means **"Father of a multitude."**
- Jacob means **"Trickster."**
- Goliath means **"Splendor."** All of these people proved true to their names!

In this message, I want to talk about a name we all know. I want to look at the name of the One mentioned in **Matthew 1:20-25**, "the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS."

There must be something special about the name Jesus. After all, it was a name given to Him by God the Father (**Matthew 1:21**; cf. **Luke 1:31**).

The name Jesus is above all names! "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

We talked a little bit about why Jesus is so important this morning. He is the "Son of God" as Mark said. We cannot understand God without knowing Jesus. It is utterly impossible.

Matthew 11:27 "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

I want to give you some biblical reasons why you cannot know God without knowing Jesus Christ. When we finish, I hope we will be able to understand some of the glory and awe in knowing Jesus.

- I. His Name reveals His **PERSON**. **Matthew 1:23**, "they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us". **Emmanuel – God With Us**. In coming to earth, Christ did not cease to be what He always was.
 - A. In coming to earth, Christ did not cease to be **omnipresent**. He did not cease to rule the universe. **Hebrews 13:5**, "he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." He was and is and is to come, He is the Almighty!! He is not just God with Mary or God with Joseph. He is not just stationary. He is "God with US". All of us!! He is omnipresent!
 - B. In coming to earth, Christ did not cease to be **omnipotent**. He is God Almighty. He did something that only God Almighty could do. **Matthew 1:21**, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Jesus Christ did what no pope can do. He did what no religious organization can do. He came to remove the curse of sin. He came to do it by living without sin and substituting Himself for the vile sinner. Christ did not cease to be **omnipotently** able to remove our sin. In the beginning He was with God and He was God, and He never ceased to be God.
- II. His Name reveals His **PURPOSE**. (**Jesus – Jehovah Is Salvation**)
 - A. **The Name JESUS Speaks Of His Design** – **Matthew 1:21**, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."
 1. Design in **salvation**. +Before the foundation of the world God purposed to bring you to this place to hear the Gospel. **Hebrews 7:25**, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." We come to Christ because He lives to make intercession for us. He died for us.
 2. Design in **sanctification**. He came to "save his people from their sins." It is not just that He gives us forgiveness of sins, but he has come to deliver us from the power of sin and death. In saving you Christ fills you with His spirit and makes you hate sin. He is saving you from the power of sin. He is talking to you right now about one area of another that is not conforming to His image.

How does He save us from our sins? **Romans 8:28-30**, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

This magna carta of what God is doing in every single Christian. **Philippians 1:6**, "he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ".

God is presently saving you. He's got things right now He's telling you to change. You've got attitudes and pride and blindness that don't conform to Christ. **Jesus will save all of us who are His from our sins!!**

B. **The Name JESUS Speaks Of His Design** – The name Jesus reminds us of the fact that He came into this world to die for our sins.

– **Matthew 1:21**, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

The only way the sin problem could have been dealt with is through the shedding of blood, **Hebrews 9:22**, "without shedding of blood is no remission."

2 Corinthians 5:21, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." His name is Jesus, "JEHOVAH saves". God almighty had to substitute Himself for us.

III. His Name reveals His **POSITION**.

Isaiah 6, "I saw the Lord high and lifted up".

This is how we see Jesus in **Isaiah 9:6**, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called **Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**"

Christ is given five titles that reveal His exalted position!

A. HIS NAME speaks of His **Supernatural POWER** – "Wonderful" or "miraculous" or supernatural. God is not like us. He transcends time and space. He is high and lifted up. Jesus Christ was born. Yet He was supernatural. He exercised all the attributes of God while on earth. He set nothing aside. He simply veiled His power and His attributes. Christ did not cease to be God!! He is wonderful.

B. HIS NAME speaks of His **Superceding WISDOM** – "Counsellor". He decrees all things. All things work after "the counsel of His will". No one has been His counsellor. He doesn't need your advice or opinion. Bow before Him. Who is like unto our God? Christ is both the Wisdom and Power of God!

C. HIS NAME speaks of His **Sovereign Authority** – He is "The mighty God." This word means "Hero." It refers to "one Who is strong, mighty and invincible."

Jesus Christ is the Almighty God. **Revelation 1:18**, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

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- D. HIS NAME speaks of His **Sustaining Ability** – As "**Everlasting Father**," Christ is the source or generator of all things. Paul tells us in **Colossians 1:17**, "And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." He's the maintainer and sustainer of all things.

He is "**everlasting**." He did not come into existence. John 1:1. There was never a time when He was not and there will never be a time when He is not. He is the great "**I AM**." He is the eternal, self-existent One! Our lives are directly tied to His; because He lives, we live!

- E. HIS NAME speaks of His **Saving Ability** – He is the **Prince of peace**. The King of reconciliation.

1 Peter 3:18, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" He extends His peace to all who receive Him by faith, **John 14:27**.

"Today if you hear His voice harden not your heart. He is the Propitiation **Romans 3:26**

Conc: What's in a name? If that name is Matthew Black, not very much. But, if the name is Jesus, everything is in that name! His name is the source of our salvation. His name is the hope of our hearts. His name is a name worth knowing, because it speaks of a Savior worth loving. His name is everything. His name unlocks the door of heaven and closes the gates of Hell. His name saves the vilest sinner; redeems the darkest soul; and secures the precious saints. His name may be Jesus, but that name cannot tell us all there is to know about Him.

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Every knee shall bow!