

Is. 62:2-5 *The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; And you will be called by a new name Which the mouth of the LORD will designate. You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ It will no longer be said to you, "Forsaken," Nor to your land will it any longer be said, "Desolate"; But you will be called, "My delight is in her," And your land, "Married"; For the LORD delights in you, And to Him your land will be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a virgin, So your sons will marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So your God will rejoice over you.*

3. GOD INTENDS FOR HIS PEOPLE TO LIVE LIVES OF SIGNIFICANCE.

a. AS A GROUP, GOD GIVES HIS PEOPLE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE.

Deuteronomy 26:19 *He will set you high above all nations which He has made, for praise, fame, and honor*

Ephesians 5:27 *that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. (cf. Rev. 19:7-8)*

b. INDIVIDUALLY, GOD INTENDS FOR HIS PEOPLE TO LIVE LIVES THAT HAVE MEANING.

John 15:16 *You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.*

John 12:24

Matt. 23:12; Luke 14:11; Luke 18:14

Matthew 16:25

Does God Care About Our Name?

Introduction

Is there such a thing as “good pride”?

1. GOD MAGNIFIES HIS NAME BY HIS CARE FOR PEOPLE.

Ps. 102:19-21 *For He looked down from His holy height; From heaven the LORD gazed upon the earth, To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To set free those who were doomed to death, That men may tell of the name of the LORD in Zion And His praise in Jerusalem,*
Ps. 79:9 *Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; And deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake.*

1 Ti. 6:17 *Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.*

2. GOD HONORS EACH PERSON WHO HUMBLER HIMSELF BEFORE GOD.

1 Sam. 2:30 *Those who honor me I will honor.*

Romans 2:29 *He is a Jew who is one inwardly ... and his praise is not from men, but from God.*

1 Cor. 4:5 *Each man's praise will come to him from God.*

2 Cor. 10:18 *For it is not he who commends himself that is approved, but he whom the Lord commends.*

John 12:26 *"If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.*

John 5:44 *How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?*

Example: God lifts up His people from their shame

Joel 2:26 *You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; then My people will never be put to shame.*

Is. 45:17 *Israel has been saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation; You will not be put to shame or humiliated to all eternity.*

Is. 49:23 *Those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame.*

Psalm 3:3 *You, O LORD, are a shield about me, My glory, and the One who lifts my head.*

Zephaniah 3:11-12, 19-20 *“In that day you will feel no shame because of all your deeds by which you have rebelled against Me; For then I will remove from your midst Your proud, exulting ones, and you will never again be haughty on My holy mountain. But I will leave among you a humble and lowly people, and they will take refuge in the name of the LORD.... Behold, I am going to deal at that time with all your oppressors, I will save the lame and gather the outcast, And I will turn their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, even at the time when I gather you together; Indeed, I will give you renown and praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.*

- Shame because of their deeds/rebellion
- Take refuge in the name of the LORD (Yahweh)
- Lame/outcast
- God gives renown and praise

Romans 9:33 (ESV) *As it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*

Romans 10:11 (ESV) *For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."*

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.... and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts*

through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person- though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Psalm 149:4 (ESV) *For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.*

Revelation 3:9 *'Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie-- I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you.*

When God rescues someone through Jesus, He brings that person into His family and honors that person's name in two ways:

1. God gives His name to His people.

Revelation 3:12 *He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.*

2. God gives a new name to His people.

Revelation 2:17 *To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.*