

Our Great Friend – The Name of Jesus

John 1: 12-17

1. What is in a name?

In John 1: 12, 17 he tells us there is a miracle in this Name!

God says a great deal about this subject of one's name! We must understand what God thinks about the subject called Name.

God describes His approach to the Name, and in doing so indicated there is much importance in the Name!

- God named Adam – man... his name had a meaning!
- Adam named Eve – Life, life giver, my life, my place...
- Adams grandson Enos – mortal (Genesis 4: 26) “then men began to call upon the name of the LORD.”

2. *Therefore God builds His case in the first pages of Genesis that the name describes a person!*

3. *Then God indicates that because we are Mortal we can see the need to call on His Name!*

God indicates that in order to ask God for His involvement in our lives we call Him by calling His Name!

God promises to make Abraham's name Great in all the earth!

In Genesis 12: 2, God called Abraham to a special calling and purpose and in doing so called him by name. God promised to make the name of Abram Great “And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great.” (Vs 8) “...and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the Name of the LORD.”

4. **Here we have the truth that God gets involved in our lives when “We call upon the Name of the LORD”**

God changed the name of Sarah and Abraham...when he changed their purpose, he changed their name! Genesis 17

What is in a Name?

Exodus 3: 13, 15 What is thy name when you are called to use it?

I AM – 1961 – Hayah – verb, to exist, to be, to come to pass, to be done, to happen, to be finished...

Jehovah/Yahweh/Hayah – If translated as a noun it would be **He Who is**, but it is translated an action word: **to be, to exist, to finish**... Moses said when they ask me, what is His Name, God said to tell them that my Name is, **it is finished!**

5. Here we understand that God's Name describes Who and what He will do!

Exodus 20: 7 “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” Third Commandment!

What is in a name?

6. Here we understand that God is allowing us to stewarding His Name – and He does not take it lightly and He does not expect us to take it lightly either!

When taking the Name of God to yourself, do not take it without great honor for it is such an honored Name! God will hold you guilty that takes His Name in vain (emptiness).

Guiltless – 5352 – free from punishment

Vain – 7723 – nothingness/emptiness/anything that disappoints the hope that rests in it!

7. Here we understand that God will punish those who do not steward His Name well!

What is in a name when in worship?

Deuteronomy 12: 1-14

Vs 24 “An altar of the earth thou shalt make unto me, and thou shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen, **in all places where I record my name, I will come unto thee, I will bless thee.**”

What is in a name when worshipping?

- It is everything if you are serious about worship!
- It is a declaration of who you are and who you are not!
- It is an indication as to whether or not we want Him involved in our lives in a positive way or not.

- His Name says that what He says is as good as done!
- Here we have learned that His Name and Worship go hand in hand! When we find where He sets His Name and link up with it!

8. What is in a Name? Jesus said that Eternal Life was in His Name!

Matthew 1: 21 “And thou shalt call His Name Jesus”

Matthew 1: 23 “thou shalt call his Name Emmanuel”

Matthew 1: 25 “and He shall be called Jesus”

Matthew vs 21 “And thou shalt call His Name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.”

John 1: 12 “But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name.”

John 3: 18 not believed in the Name of the only begotten son of God”

John 10: 3 “he calleth His own sheep by name,

Matthew 7: 22 “Many will say to me in that day lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy Name? and in thy Name have cast out devil? And in thy Name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”