

Praying in The Names of God Praying The Names of Jesus

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There Is Only One True God

- There is only one true God, in three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and this God is the Creator of the Heavens, the earth, the seas and springs of water and of everything in them and sustains the Universe by the Word of His Power.
- His Name is above every Name.
- The names of God are aspects of the One True God and are spiritual powers and aspects of character and temperament that flow from God.
- They are not mere “ideas” or descriptions.
- They are living, active and powerful Words!

Cultural Background: Taking On The Name of a “God”

- Dedication to the “god”
- Receive powers from the “god”, receive revelation and inspiration from the “god” e.g. the Muses
- Becoming a vessel for and a channel for the God
- Receive the character and temperament of the “god” e.g. speaking ability, mischievousness,
- Build altars to the deity, give offerings and oblations
- Making serious vows to the “god”, praying to the “god”, calling on the “god” for help in time of need on the basis of the merits of one’s personal devotion.
- Dedicate one’s children to the deity as priests etc.
- A life-long quest of devotion to the deity and living that deity out in one’s life.
- Christians take on the Name of Jesus Christ at Baptism.

Pentecost and the Name of Jesus

- Pentecost revealed the divine power of the Name of Jesus to provide revelation, inspiration and life change thus proving that Jesus was God, and had been exalted in the Heavens, and thus resulted in mass baptisms into the Name. (Acts 2)
- The healing of the lame man revealed the power of the Name of Jesus to heal and to do miracles, and that those who were devoted to the Name of Jesus could use these powers, this challenged the entire Temple establishment (Acts 3 & 4)
- Pentecost puts us directly in touch with the Name of Jesus so that we can receive revelation (tongues, dreams, visions, prophecies) and be witnesses in the whole world. The Holy Spirit glorifies the name of Jesus and is the power and inspiration for the Christian life.

Receiving “Heavenly Downloads”

- God’s Spirit downloads the things of God directly to our human spirit. (1 Corinthians 2:9-16)
- These include things beyond sense perception or thought, that “eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the mind of man” (1 Corinthians 2:9)
- They also include teaching, revelation and knowledge (1 John 2:20,27; John 14:26, Hebrews 8:10,11)
- It also includes wisdom, gifts and abilities (1 Cor 12)
- Solomon received a sudden impartation of wisdom (1 Kings 4:29-31), Saul had his heart suddenly changed into that of “another man” (1 Samuel 10:6-9).

Jesus and Direct Downloads

- **John 12:49-50 (HCSB)** *49 For I have not spoken on My own, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a command as to what I should say and what I should speak. 50 I know that His command is eternal life. So the things that I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”*
- **John 13:3** *3 Jesus knew that the Father had given everything into His hands, that He had come from God, and that He was going back to God.*
- **John 5:19-20** *19 Then Jesus replied, “I assure you: The Son is not able to do anything on His own, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son also does these things in the same way. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows Him everything He is doing, and He will show Him greater works than these so that you will be amazed.*
- **John 5:30 (HCSB)** *30 “I can do nothing on My own. I judge only as I hear, and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*

From God To Us Via The Holy Spirit

- **John 16:12-15 (HCSB)**
12 “I still have many things to tell you, but you can’t bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak whatever He hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify Me, because He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 Everything the Father has is Mine. This is why I told you that He takes from what is Mine and will declare it to you.

“Downloads” are by Grace!

- The Samaritan Woman in John 4
- Not keeping the Jewish Law
- Not in the right religious system
- Having very little biblical knowledge
- Not morally perfect
- Just going about her ordinary duties of life
- But was spiritually thirsty
- And was promised “living water” as a completely unearned free gift, with no strings attached.

Gifts Received By Grace

- The things of heaven cannot be bought with money
- They can never be earned by religious acts of the Law
- They are not the result of human ability, human wisdom, social position or political power
- They are absolutely FREE GIFTS
- They are received by faith alone, through grace alone, on the basis of the promises of God in the Scriptures alone.
- Isaiah 55:1-7, Romans 3:24, 6:23, 11:29, 1 Corinthians 1:19-31, Hebrews 7:11-19, Galatians 2:16, 3:11

Why We Need Grace...

- We are creatures, God is the Creator; we exist as a massive bundle of creaturely needs: food, clothes, shelter, love, peace of mind, a spouse, a family, salvation, healing, deliverance, meaning in life, etc
- The role of our Loving Creator is to freely supply every need according to His riches in glory.
- You cannot exist for even five minutes without God's free supply of air.
- God supplies "seed for the sower", food for the birds who do not work or gather into barns and clothing for the lilies of the field.
- All creatures depend totally on God (Ps. 104)

Grace Is Given So We Can Be Holy

- Grace is not a free pass for us to sin as much as we like
- Grace is given so we might be holy
- Grace is given so we can be like Jesus
- Grace says "it is not about what you "ought to be" but what you "can be" in Christ and that is holy, blameless and without reproach!
- Heavenly downloads are given so we might be holy, blameless and without reproach (Ephesians 1), live in love (1 John) and edify the Church (1 Corinthians 12-14)

Downloads Happen To The Humble

- As a Little Child (Matt 11:25-30; Mk 10:14,15; Lk 10:21,22)
- The Poor in Spirit (Matthew 5:3)
- Lowly (Proverbs 16:9, Isaiah 57:15, Luke 1:51-53)
- Contrite (Psalms 34:18, Isaiah 66:2)
- Not Human Wisdom (Matthew 16:17-19)
- The Humbly Obedient (John 14:21, 1 Peter 5:5-7)
- By Faith (Romans 1:17)
- Revealed To The Saints (Colossians 1:26)
- Overconfidence in your knowledge and abilities or in your good works can totally block the flow of grace, inspiration and divine abilities (Galatians 5:1-11)

You Can Only Receive The Grace That You Think That You Need

- If I don't think that I need a glass of water I will not seek it out or even drink it. Anorexia = "I don't need or want food"
- If I don't think I need love I will be content with isolation
- If I think I already know everything then I won't learn a thing
- If I think I have it all together then I won't seek to grow
- If I don't think I need God, then I will not seek God
- If I don't think I am a sinner then I will not receive salvation
- If I am self-sufficient I will never know God's supply
- If I have total confidence in doctors I won't seek divine healing
- If I have total confidence in the world I won't seek God's approval or live for heavenly things.
- THE ONLY GRACE WE RECEIVE IS THE GRACE THAT WE TRULY BELIEVE THAT WE NEED AT A VERY DEEP LEVEL

The Vessel and The Filling

- God fills prepared vessels with "oil" (2 Kings 4:1-7) and with "wine" (John 2 -Wedding at Cana)
- The vessels must be a) clean and prepared
b) empty
c) have some capacity
- Our practice, study, work, and skill development creates a "vessel" that God can fill with inspiration, anointing and blessing (such as David playing the lyre). Practice creates capacity for filling with God. Both practice (the vessel) and the oil (the anointing) are required.

Receiving Grace Is Very Simple

- Big problems can have really simple solutions
- The simple act of flicking a light switch dispels all the darkness in the room. You don't need to know how it works, just that it works and believe that it works.
- Many people have experienced eternal life and salvation from sin simply by praying the Sinner's Prayer after a brief gospel presentation.
- Many Christians experience a much more joyous Christian life after learning to be filled with the Spirit and to lay hold of the promises of God and the Names of God
- Obtaining grace through praying in the Name of Jesus, expectantly, willing to receive, is SIMPLE.

Being Filled With All The Fulness

The Holy Spirit is as interested in inspiration and impartation as He is in sanctification.

He wants to FILL you with heavenly things and with heavenly wisdom.

He will do this freely and without reproach

James 1:5-8, Ephesians 3:14-20

Paul's Prayer....

- **Ephesians 3:14-21 (EMTV)**
- *14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom every family in heaven and earth takes its name, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power by His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; being rooted and founded in love, 18 that you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height— 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge; **that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.** 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Come To The Waters!

- **Revelation 22:17 (EMTV)**
17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
- **Revelation 21:6 (EMTV)**
6 And He said to me, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give from the spring of the water of life freely to him that is thirsty.
- **John 7:37-39 (EMTV)**
37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He that believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly will flow rivers of living water." 39 (But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him were about to receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified).

Receiving The Spirit...

- *I believe that I am now receiving and will experience the filling of the Holy Spirit and that out of my inmost being shall flow rivers of living water, according to the Word of God, in the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

The Holy Spirit & The Name..

- The Names of God are summaries of the excellencies of God and, in many cases, are a guide to what God wishes to impart to us via the Holy Spirit when we are filled with all the fullness of God
- The Holy Spirit takes from Jesus Christ, who has all the things of God, and imparts them to us.
- **Romans 8:32** *He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up on behalf of us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*
- The Name of God operates via the Spirit of God to bring us all the blessings of God in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 1:3, Galatians 3:14)

Names of God (see handout)

- Elohim – Creator God, a plural name
- El Elyon – God of Gods, most High God
- YHWH – I Am Who I am, self-existent God
- Adonai – Lord, Master, Ruler
- El Gibbor / El Shaddai – God Almighty
- El Chay – Living God, God of Life
- El Roi – The God Who Sees Me, relationship, needs
- El Olam – the Eternal God, God of the Ages, history
- YHWH Rapah – the God Who Heals
- YHWH Sabaoth – The Lord of Hosts / Angel Armies
- YHWH Tsidkenu – The lord My Righteousness
- Abba – God the Father, Daddy intimate Love

Names of Jesus – (see handout)

- Jesus – Saviour
- Christ – Anointed One, Messaih
- Lamb of God – slain for us, sin-bearer
- Morning-Star – power over all astrological beings
- King of Kings – over all the affairs of this world
- Son of David – Messianic title, mighty warrior
- Son of Joseph – suffering servant, redeemer
- Son of God – place in the Trinity, highest place
- Son of Man – identifies w. Daniel 7, incarnation
- Immanuel – God with us
- Prince of Peace – bringer of wholeness to suffering humanity

How Praying “In The Name” Works

- When you pray in the Name of God you are receiving good things from God directly
- YHWH-Raphah = Healing
- YHWH-Tsedek = Righteousness and Justice
- YHWH-Shalom = Peace
- Lord of Hosts = National Protection
- Jehovah Jireh = Provision and Supply
- Adonai = Power, Strength
- Living God = Life, Authenticity, Fullness of Being
- Abba = Father, Love

The Name of Jesus Christ

- Jesus = Salvation, Savior
- Christ = Anointing, Anointed One, Messiah
- He was named **Jesus** because He would bring in forgiveness of sins.
- He was named **Christ** as the bringer of anointing and the Holy Spirit and the One who baptizes with the Spirit and Fire.
- The Name above All Names because Jesus is the “complete salvation and redemption package” and with Him we get all things.
- An authoritative Name at which every knee shall bow (Philippians 2:5-11)

Authority and The Name

- In the Name of the King (i.e. authorized by the King)
- In the Name of Jesus – actions authorized by Jesus, the Son of God, who is over all, through all and in all.
- Jesus upholds Creation by the word of His Power (Hebrews 1:1-3, John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:15-20)
- Jesus' Word has total authority throughout the Universe
- Jesus' Word stilled storms, raised the dead, cast out demons etc
- In the Name of Jesus the demons submitted to the seventy-two (Luke 10)
- In the Name of Jesus the lame man was healed (Acts 3)

Signature & Command

- Once you have the signature you can then issue the command e.g. once the requisition order is signed the person with the requisition has authority to command it to be filled.
- Nehemiah 2:7-18, Nehemiah gets a signed letter from King Artaxerxes enabling Nehemiah to go and get all the materials needed to rebuild Jerusalem and to act as authority as Governor of the Province.
- Once we have the authority of the Name we do not have to go back and petition the King
- We cease begging and start commanding!
- The apostles issued many commands in the Name of Jesus

Permission For The Mission

- The authority of the Name gives permission for the mission, which God has sent you on.
- Matthew 28:18-20 (Great Commission)
- Mark 16:15-20 (Demonstration of Kingdom Power)
- Ephesians 2:6-10 (Exaltation to the New Creation)
- Acts 26:12-20 (Paul's account of his call to ministry)
- With permission for the mission comes authority for the action and supply for the need.
- God supplies angels (Hebrews 1:14) and all things in Christ (Romans 8:31,32)
- Illustration: God's supply for Elijah

The Name vs Money

- The source of power in ministry is not the budget, but the Name of God.
- We accomplish things through spiritual power not financial power, God's Kingdom is "not of this world".
- God created the world without needing money
- Moses brought 3 million people through the wilderness for 40 years without needing any cash
- Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal without a travel budget
- Jesus redeemed us on the Cross without needing money
- Jesus raised Lazarus without needing any money
- The apostles healed people without money "silver and gold have I none."
- God doesn't need a single thin dime! ! But while we have money we can use it to pay electric bills etc
- What we do require is the power and authority of the Name of God, with that we can accomplish ANYTHING!
- Money is simply a useful indicator of where our heart is with God, which is why we should give as the Lord leads.

Spiritual Results Flow From Spiritual Power Alone

Nicodemus was extremely wealthy, highly educated and knew the Scriptures backwards but he was not getting any spiritual results. He had no spiritual results because he needed to be born-again!

- **John 3:1-8 (HCSB)** *There was a man from the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Him at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher, for no one could perform these signs You do unless God were with him." 3 Jesus replied, "I assure you: Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... 5 Jesus answered, "I assure you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be amazed that I told you that you must be born again. 8 The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."*

The Flesh vs The Name

- All valid Christian ministry is accomplished through the power of God and done in the Name of God, and for the glory of God alone.
- The flesh does not profit, does not avail and accomplishes nothing for God. Skill development is still necessary but the skilled person is just a container that needs to be filled by God for His glory.
- **John 15:5-8 (HCSB)** *"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me. 6 If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be My disciples."*

The Name Of Jesus Is ALL That You Need

- The Name of Jesus casts out demons
- The Name of Jesus heals the sick
- The Name of Jesus brings people into salvation
- The Name of Jesus brings eternal life
- The Name of Jesus gives authority in ministry
- None of these things can come from a purely human methodology or purely human training / programs
- God raises up programs for a season as containers for His Name, and God raises up methods for a season to glorify His Name, but the power is not in the program or the method but in the Name of Jesus.

Praying For Healing By The Name

- *By faith I am freely and graciously receiving healing from God Who Is My Healer (YHWH –Raphah) for healing is deep in the nature and Name of God, and He gives it and all things to me with Christ, and so I now call upon the Name of the Lord knowing that I shall experience healing by grace through faith for all who call upon the Lord are saved, and I invite the Holy Spirit to minister healing to my body, soul and spirit in Jesus Name Amen.*

Praying For Provision

- *I now call upon Jehovah-Jireh my Provider, and by faith I am receiving and experiencing all the provision that I need for righteous living according to His riches in glory for it is God who gives me the power to get wealth and wealth and power are with Him and are in His Name For God is a God of abundance and is not limited in any way and the silver and the gold in this world are His and He gives me an abundance for every good work of faith. And I ask for the Name of Jehovah-Jireh to come forth in me and around me and through all my circumstances So that my supply shall be seen to be from God and that glory may go to the Name of Jesus. Amen.*

Praying For Righteousness

- *I call upon God Who Is My Righteousness (YHWH-Tsedek) to make my ways straight, according to His nature, and His will for God works justice and righteousness in the earth And so I believe that I will receive and will experience justice in court and fair treatment at work and a straightening out of all that man has made crooked and a redeeming of all that Satan has destroyed For Christ has come to undo the works of the Devil I commit my ways to the Lord and call upon God Who Is My Righteousness to be actively at work in and around and through my life so that His Will may be done on earth and it is in Heaven. To the glory of His Name. Amen.*

Praying For Peace

- *I now call upon God Who Is My Peace (YHWH-Shalom) and I believe that by faith through grace that I have received and will experience the Perfect Peace of God in my body, mind, soul and spirit and that as I receive and experience God's Peace that it will flow into my relationships and my circumstances For Christ has given me peace with God through faith And peace is God's free grace gift to me now in Christ And I stand here needy and poor in spirit Waiting to enter the fullness of the Kingdom of God Therefore I ask for God's Perfect Peace to flow from His Heavenly throne And into my life so that the obvious change May bring glory to Him alone In Jesus' Name. Amen*

Praying For Time and Order

- *I call upon the Eternal God who is the Beginning and the End, the Ancient of Days, for Whom one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day to supply me with time and to perfectly order my days according to His Will and His sovereignty and harmony so that I am a spiritual man (woman) and not natural and so that I operate by the principles of heaven and not of this world and its human systems. And I now believe that I have received and am experiencing the perfect harmony, peace and eternity of God and a full supply of all the time I need both to work, worship and relax and do all the good works of God.*

Praying For Wisdom

- *I now call upon the Only Wise God our Savior who supplies wisdom to all generously and without reproach to freely and graciously grant me ever-increasing wisdom And I believe that I am now receiving this wisdom And I believe that I will experience this wisdom In real and tangible ways on a day-to-day basis in all the affairs of my life, work and ministry so that they will possess an unusual spiritual brilliance so that people may say "the Spirit of God is in you" and know that things have been wrought by God to glory of the Name of Jesus. Amen.*

Praying For Anointing

- I now call upon the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God Who is Spirit and Who is the Father of Spirits and who has given me an anointing in Christ Jesus so that I might truly know the things of God to give me a fully supply of the Spirit and a deep anointing to understand the Word of God and all spiritual things so that I might know Him and His Son Jesus Christ and the power of God in truth and I now believe that I am receiving and experiencing this anointing from God as a deep impartation and that I will see its results as I study the Bible today.

Praying For Blessing

- I now call upon God Who Is Blessed Forever, the Father of Lights who bestows all good gifts upon us and with Whom there is no shadow of turning And who has given me all the blessings in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, and all the blessings of Abraham and who has out-blessed every curse in my life to fill me with all that is good and blessed and righteous so that I may be fruitful, multiply and have dominion and fulfill God's purposes for me written before Creation By faith I now believe that I am receiving, have received and will experience the very great blessings of God as unearned FREE GIFTS, not through any works I have done and that these blessings will immediately be manifest for me. In Jesus Blessed Name. Amen

Praying For Forgiveness

- I now call upon the Name of Jesus the Messiah in Whom there is forgiveness of sins Who has borne all my iniquities Who bore all my diseases, sicknesses and pains Who was chastised for my peace and by Whose stripes I am healed. I come as one who is guilty and ashamed As one empty of all righteousness of my own as one who has gone astray and wandered afar off And I now ask for and by grace through faith I now receive a full and complete pardon for all my sins, for all my iniquities, and for all my wrongdoings of thought and word and deed and I now believe that I am receiving and will experience God's full forgiveness, healing and restoration to the glory of God who forgives me and I will also forgive others. In Jesus' Name, Amen