

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

JESUS

“A MAN’S NAME IS NOT LIKE A MANTLE WHICH MERELY HANGS ABOUT HIM .. BUT A PERFECTLY FITTING GARMENT, WHICH, LIKE THE SKIN, HAS GROWN OVER HIM, AT WHICH ONE CANNOT RAKE AND SCRAP WITHOUT INJURING THE MAN HIMSELF” (Henry Gariepy)

- **BIBLICAL TIMES – MANY NAMES HAD GREAT SIGNIFICANCE**
- **GEN.10:25 – PELEG – FOR IN HIS DAY THE EARTH WAS DIVIDED**
- **ABRAM – TO ABRAHAM – GEN.17:5 – EXALTED FATHER – TO FATHER OF MANY NATIONS**
- **JACOB – TO ISRAEL – GEN.32:28 – SUPPLANTER TO ONE WHO STRIVES WITH GOD**
- **SIMON TO PETER / SAUL TO PAUL**

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WHY SO MANY NAMES FOR JESUS? - OVER 100 NAMES & TITLES IN SCRIPTURE

1. A NAME IS DESCRIPTIVE
2. A NAME IS RESTRICTIVE – SELF-IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS
 - * IN ONE SENSE – JESUS IS TRULY THE 'UNNAMEABLE ONE' – REV.19:11-16

THE STUDY OF THE NAMES AND TITLES OF CHRIST IS AN EMBARKING ON LIFE'S GREATEST QUEST IN LEARNING, EXPLORING AND DISCOVERING THE LIFE AND LORDSHIP, THE MIGHT AND MAJESTY, THE SAVIORHOOD AND SOVEREIGNTY OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE MORE WE KNOW OF HIM THE MORE WE DISCOVER THERE IS TO LEARN.

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A.W.TOZER

“NO RELIGION HAS EVER BEEN GREATER THAN ITS IDEA OF GOD”

- TOZER BELIEVED THAT WE TEND TO RESEMBLE OUR IDEA OF GOD

**“WORSHIP IS PURE OR BASE AS THE WORSHIPER ENTERTAINS HIGH
OR LOW THOUGHTS OF GOD”**

- **JESUS – CHALLENGED BY THE PHARISEES – TURNED THE TABLES ON THEM**
- **MATTHEW 22:41-46 – v.42 – “WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHRIST?”**

SO FOR THE CHRISTIAN IT MATTERS A GREAT DEAL WHAT WE THINK ABOUT JESUS

- * **TO BETTER KNOW HIM & LOVE HIM**
- * **TO BETTER TRUST HIM & FOLLOW HIM**
- * **TO BETTER WORSHIP HIM & WITNESS OF HIM**

1. JESUS – OUR SOVEREIGN

- **SPEAKS OF THE ETERNALITY OF OUR GOD – SELF-EXISTENCE**
- **REV.1:8 / 22:13 - “I AM THE ALPHA & OMEGA – THE BEGINNING AND THE END” CONTEXT OF THE 2ND COMING – “I AM COMING SOON” – IDEA OF ‘QUICKLY’**
 - * **LUKE 18:8 / ACTS 12:7 / 22:18 / 25:4 / ROMANS 16:20**
- **ONLY DEITY CAN MAKES SUCH A CLAIM**
- **“ALPHA” – FIRST, BEGINNING – BEFORE ALL TIME, NATIONS, HISTORY**
- **“OMEGA” – LAST, END OF ALL THINGS, THE CONCLUSION – THE ‘LAST WORD’**
- **PSALM 19 & 119 – ALL THE DIFFERENT WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE GOD’S WORD**
 - * **SPEAKS TO ITS COMPLETENESS IN ALL MATTER OF LIFE & GODLINESS**
 - * **1 PETER 1:4 / 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17 – ‘THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK’**

1. JESUS – OUR SOVEREIGN

“THE MIGHTY GOD” – ISAIAH 9:6 – W-JOHN 1:1-3 / COL.1:16,17 / JOHN 1:14,18

- * ETERNALLY SELF-EXISTENT - “IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD”
- * HAD FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD - “AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD”
- * HE WAS GOD - “AND THE WORD WAS GOD”

HE IS THE MIGHTY GOD IN HIS PRE-INCARNATE GLORY AND SPLENDOR. HE WAS MIGHTY IN HIS BIRTH WHEN TIME WAS INVADED BY ETERNITY AND SPLIT IN TWO.

HE WAS MIGHTY IN HIS MINISTRY AND HIS COMPARABLE MIRACLES. HE WAS MIGHTY IN HIS TEACHINGS, PUTTING THE IMPERISHABLE TRUTHS OF THE KINGDOM INTO WORD FORMS SO INDESTRUCTIBLE THAT MAN COULD NEVER FORGET THEM.

HE WAS MIGHTY IN HIS DEATH AS HE RESCUED US FROM THE HELL WE DESERVE AND MADE US HEIRS TO THE HEAVEN WE FORFEITED. HE WAS MIGHTY IN HIS RESURRECTION AS HE AROSE, THE MIGHTY CONQUEROR, OVER MANS LAST ENEMY.

HE WILL BE MIGHTY AS HE COMES AGAIN IN HIS MATCHLESS AND TRANSCENDENT GLORY
(Garipey)

1. JESUS – OUR SOVEREIGN

LUKE 2 – CHRISTMAS STORY WE MOST REMEMBER

“TODAY .. A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU; HE IS CHRIST – THE LORD”

- 1 TIMOTHY 6:15 – KING OF Kings AND LORD OF Lords
- HE HAS A THRONE - MATTHEW 5:34
- HE HAS THE POWER - MATTHEW 28:18-20
- HE HAS THE RIGHT TO RULE - MATTHEW 1 – THROUGH JOSEPH / LUKE 3 – THROUGH MARY
- HE HAS SUBJECTS AND A KINGDOM - JOHN 18:36 – “NOT OF THIS WORLD”
- HIS KINGDOM IS ETERNAL - DANIEL 8:12 / 4:21 – DANIEL 8:13,14 * - EVERLASTING
- ISAIAH 9:6,7 – “THERE WILL BE NO END”

2. JESUS – OUR SAVIOR

* MATTHEW 1:21 – CALL HIS NAME JESUS – SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS

* JOHN 1:29 – THE LAMB OF GOD – WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD

JOHN 4:42

“THEY SAID TO THE WOMAN, WE NO LONGER BELIEVE JUST BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID; NOW WE HAVE HEARD FOR OURSELVES, AND WE KNOW THIS MAN REALLY IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD”

PETER – KNEW CHRIST AS SAVIOR

I. MATTHEW 14:22-33 – PETER – BEGAN SINKING – “LORD SAVE ME”

II. SAVED FROM ‘INTERNAL STORMS’ – GAL.1 / MATT.26 / MATT.16 / ACTS

JOB 19:25 – “I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES ..IN THE END HE WILL STAND UPON THE EARTH”

LUKE 2:11 – EMPHASIS THIS TIME ON “A SAVIOR IS BORN”

* 1 TIMOTHY 1:15 / TITUS 2:11-14 / ACTS 3:12 – “NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN”

3. JESUS – OUR SHEPHERD

- **THEME OF COMPASSION AND CARING OF GOD FROM BEGINNING OF CREATION**
- **ISAIAH 40:11 - “HE WILL FEED HIS FLOCK LIKE A SHEPHERD; HE WILL CARRY THE LAMBS IN HIS ARMS, HOLDING THEM CLOSE TO HIS HEART. HE WILL GENTLY LEAD THE MOTHER SHEEP WITH THEIR YOUNG” (NLT)**
- **LK.15:3-7 – PARABLE OF ONE LOST SHEEP – 99 ARE SAFE – JESUS CARES FOR THE LOST ONE**
- **JESUS – CONCERN AND CARE FOR ‘ONE’ – HAS NEVER STOPPED**
- **JOHN 10:3 - HE CALLS HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME**
- **JOHN 10:4 - I KNOW MY SHEEP – AND MY SHEEP KNOW ME – INTIMACY**
- **JOHN 10:4 - HE LEADS HIS SHEEP AND THEY FOLLOW – SHEPHERDS FEET**
- **PSALM 23:4 - SHEPHERDS HANDS – HIS PROTECTION, STRENGTH**
- **MATTHEW 9:36 – SHEPHERDS HEART – MOVED BY COMPASSION**

4. JESUS – OUR SUFFICIENCY

- TAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF THE “I AM” STATEMENTS IN GOSPEL OF JOHN

1. I AM – THE BREAD OF LIFE - JOHN 6:35,41,48,51
2. I AM – THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD - JOHN 8:12 / 9:5
3. I AM – THE DOOR - JOHN 10:7,9,11,14
4. I AM – THE GOOD SHEPHERD - JOHN 10:11,14
5. I AM – THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE - JOHN 11:25
6. I AM – THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE - JOHN 14:6
7. I AM – THE TRUE VINE - JOHN 15:1,5

* JOHN 8:58 – JESUS – “BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM”

* JOHN 4:10 – “IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD . YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM AND HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU LIVING WATER” – JOHN 7:37 / REV.22:17

* COLOSSIANS 2:10 – “YOUR HAVE BEEN MADE COMPLETE IN CHRIST”

5. JESUS – OUR SONG

FOCUS ON REVELATION 4,5 – SONG OF WORSHIP, ADORATION

- I. REV.4:11 “YOU ARE WORTHY O LORD, TO RECEIVE GLORY AND HONOR AND POWER; FOR YOU CREATED ALL THINGS AND BY YOUR WILL THEY EXIST AND WERE CREATED”
 - * JESUS – IS SOVEREIGN – AND SOVEREIGN OVER ALL HE CREATED
 - * 4:10 - “THEY CAST THEIR CROWNS BEFORE HIM” – REWARDS ARE NOTHING W-OUT HIM

- II REV.5:9,10 - NEW SONG IS SUNG – PREDICATED ON THE VICTORY WON BY THE LAMB OF GOD ON THE CROSS
 - * CHRIST CONQUERED DEATH – PREVAILED OVER HIS ENEMIES – HE IS WORTHY

- III REV.5:12 - SONG IS A PERFECT SHOUT – 7 FOLD ATTRIBUTES TO THE LORD

- IV REV.5:13,14 - A EVEN GREATER RESPONSE AS ALL CREATION JOINS IN WORSHIP
 - * THIS IS THE NORMAL ABODE FOR THE SON OF GOD - MAJESTIC

SUMMARY / FINAL CHALLENGE

CHRISTMAS – STORY OF THE MANGER – MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE SCENES FROM HEAVEN

- **WORSHIP – FROM OLD ENGLISH – “WORTHSHIP”**
- **MEANS TO “ASCRIIBE WORTH OR VALUE TO SOMEONE OR SOMETHING”**
- **WHEN WE WORSHIP GOD – WE ARE RECITING THE REASONS WHY HE IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE – THAT IS, “WE WORSHIP GOD BECAUSE .. “**
- **PSALM 18:3 – DAVID – “I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD WHO IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED”**
 - **GOD WAS DAVID’S ROCK, FORTRESS, DELIVERER, STRENGTH, SHIELD, STRONGHOLD AND THE HORN OF HIS SALVATION**
 - **WHAT’S ON OUR PRAISE LIST? WHAT WOULD WE INCLUDE TO SHOW GOD AS WORTHY?**
 - **HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE FOR US TO CREATE ONE?**

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“THE APOSTLE JOHN HEARD THESE WORDS IN HEAVEN: “YOU (JESUS) ARE WORTHY .. FOR YOU WERE SLAIN, AND HAVE REDEEMED US (REV.5:9)”. WORSHIP IS ALWAYS ATTACHED TO WORTH.

“THE QUESTION BECOMES, IS GOD ONLY WORTHY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS .. DO THE REASONS GOD IS WORTHY GO AWAY WHEN WE LEAVE CHURCH?

OR IS GOD ALWAYS WORTHY TO BE WORSHIPPED BECAUSE HE IS ALWAYS:

- 1. OUR SOVEREIGN**
- 2. OUR SAVIOR**
- 3. OUR SHEPHERD**
- 4. OUR SUFFICIENCY**
- 5. OUR SONG – SONG OF SALVATION, OF REDEMPTION, OF WORSHIP**

IF THESE THINGS ARE TRUTH – THEN WE OUGHT TO BE SINGING A ‘NEW SONG’ OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVERY DAY!