

**ESTABLISHED: THE NAME OF JESUS
COLOSSIANS 2:9/3:17**

THIS PAST FRIDAY NIGHT AT AN INSTALLATION SERVICE IN L.A. SPEAKING WITH BRO. CHRIS HORNSBY WHOSE WIFE IS ABOUT TO HAVE A BABY... CHANEL GRACE HORNSBY...IT CAN SOMETIMES BE A LITTLE AWKWARD WHEN YOU ARE TOLD THE NAME OF SOMEONE'S BABY FOR THE 1ST TIME.

**SOMETIMES IT'S "WOW" AND SOMETIMES IT'S "WOW"...
HOW PEOPLE NAME THEIR BABIES IN MODERN TIMES...EXPOUND**

I'M CURRENTLY READING A HISTORY BOOK THAT INVOLVES PRESIDENT HARRY S TRUMAN AND FOUND OUT THAT THE "S" DOESN'T STAND FOR ANYTHING! HIS PARENTS WERE TORN BETWEEN TWO FAMILY NAMES OF 'SOLOMON' OR 'SHIPP' AND COULDN'T AGREE SO THEY JUST CHOSE "S"...

DURING ROMAN TIMES MIDDLE NAMES WERE VERY IMPORTANT/COMMON; BUT WEREN'T POPULAR FOR THE NEXT 1000 YEARS OR SO. IN AMERICA, MIDDLE NAMES MADE A RESURGENCE AFTER THE CIVIL WAR, BUT WERE NOT STANDARD PRACTICE AS THEY ARE NOW UNTIL AFTER WORLD WAR I. IN FACT MANY OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS, INCLUDING GEORGE WASHINGTON, JOHN ADAMS, THOMAS JEFFERSON AND BENJAMIN FRANKLIN NEVER HAD A MIDDLE NAME!!

BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT NAMES MATTER... WE SAY, "SOMEONE IS MAKING A NAME FOR THEMSELVES" OR THEY HAVE "A GOOD NAME". THE REALITY IS THAT ONE'S NAME AND REPUTATION CAN BE LINKED TOGETHER FOR EITHER THE GOOD OR THE BAD AND PERMANENTLY...

**YOU SAY THE NAMES ADOLF HITLER OR CHARLES MANSON OR OSAMA BIN LADEN OR BENEDICT ARNOLD AND THERE IS A SPECIFIC MENTAL IMAGE THAT IS INSTANTLY CONJURED UP IN YOUR MIND.
THERE ARE SENSES AND FEELINGS THAT ARE LINKED TO THOSE NAMES.**

**IN THE BIBLE, OFTEN TIMES NOT JUST A REPUTATION, BUT A CERTAIN CHARACTER OR LACK OF CHARACTER IS LINKED DIRECTLY TO A NAME.
THINK ABOUT NAMES LIKE JACOB, ABRAHAM, SAMSON, PETER, JUDAS...
EACH OF THESE NAMES IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SCRIPTURE EVOKES SOME UNIQUE CHARACTER TRAIT OR LACK THEREOF IN OUR MINDS.**

***EXODUS 20:7 "THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN."
NLT: "DO NOT MISUSE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD FOR THE LORD WILL NOT LET YOU GO UNPUNISHED IF YOU MISUSE HIS NAME."***

TO MISUSE GOD'S NAME IS TO DEFAME HIS REPUTATION, HIS CHARACTER, AND HIS AUTHORITY AND SO WE ARE COMMANDED AGAINST IT.

THERE ARE MANY NOUNS, COMPOUND WORDS, AND PHRASES THAT ARE USED IN THE BIBLE TO REFER TO GOD. THERE IS NO WAY TONIGHT THAT WE CAN FULLY DISCUSS EACH NAME OF GOD PROPERLY OR EVEN GIVE A THEOLOGICALLY EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF GOD'S NAMES. SO SOME EXAMPLES...

THE HEBREW EQUIVALENT WORD FOR GOD IS “ELOHIM” OR SOMETIMES THE SHORT FORM “EL” WHICH IS TRANSLATED ‘GOD’.
THE GREEK EQUIVALENT IN THE N.T. FOR GOD IS “THEOS”.

BOTH OF THESE WORDS “ELOHIM” AND “THEOS” ARE CONSIDERED COMMON NOUNS AND WHILE THEY ARE TRANSLATED GOD, THEY CAN ALSO MEAN ANYTHING WORSHIPPED AS A GOD, WHETHER A TRUE ONE OR A FALSE ONE.

EX: THE 1ST COMMANDMENT: “THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.”

BUT THEN SPECIFIC ONLY TO THE ONE TRUE GOD, THE O.T. USES SOME COMPOUND NAMES TO DESCRIBE GOD, WHICH CAN ONLY BE USED FOR HIM!!!

JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH: THE LORD WHO IS PRESENT
JEHOVAH-SHALOM: THE LORD WHO IS OUR PEACE
JEHOVAH-RA’A: THE LORD OUR SHEPHERD
JEHOVAH-RAPHA: THE LORD OUR HEALER
JEHOVAH-NISSI: THE LORD OUR BANNER OR CONQUORER
JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS
JEHOVAH-HOSENU: THE LORD OUR MAKER
JEHOVAH-MAKADESH: THE LORD WHO SANCTIFYS
JEHOVAH-ELYON: THE LORD MOST HIGH
JEHOVAH-JIREH: THE LORD WHO PROVIDES

THEN THE ALMIGHTY GOD REVEALED HIMSELF TO MOSES IN THE BACKSIDE OF THE DESERT AS “I AM THAT I AM”, WHICH REFERS TO GOD AS BEING ETERNAL, SELF-EXISTENT, OMNI-POTENT, OMNI-PRESENT, AND OMNI-SCIENT.

“I AM THAT I AM” IS ALSO A HEBREW IDIOM WHICH COLLOQUIALLY MEANS “WHEN YOU GET THERE, I WILL ALREADY BE THERE.”

ANOTHER IMPORTANT NAME FOR GOD IN THE O.T. IS “YHWH” WHICH COMES FROM 4 HEBREW CONSONANTS AND IS REFERRED TO AS THE TETRAGRAMATON. THE CLOSEST WE COME TO PRONOUNCING IT IS “YAHWEH” IN HEBREW OR AS “JEHOVAH” IN ENGLISH.

THE ANCIENT JEWS HAD SUCH A REVERENCE FOR GOD’S NAME THAT THEY REFUSED TO PRONOUNCE IT. THEY DARED NOT EVEN WRITE GOD’S NAME DOWN ON PAPER. THEY WERE AFRAID THAT THEY MIGHT SOMEHOW CAUSE IT DISRESPECT OR TAKE IT IN VAIN ACCIDENTLY. SO INSTEAD THEY USED A HEBREW WORD THAT IN ENGLISH WOULD BE “THE INEFFABLE NAME”.

INEFFABLE MEANS “INCAPABLE OF BEING EXPRESSED OR DESCRIBED IN WORDS. IN-EXPRESSIBLE, UN-UTTERABLE, UN-SPEAKABLE.”

AND SO BY THE TIME THAT WE GET TO A BABY BOY BEING BORN IN A MANGER, BECAUSE OF THEIR REVERENCE FOR GOD’S NAME, THE JEWS HAD NOT HEARD A PROPER NAME FOR GOD FOR SOMETHING LIKE 300 YEARS!!

SO IT WAS NO SMALL THING OR MINOR EVENT THAT UNFOLDS WHEN THE ANGEL OF THE LORD SPEAKS IN...

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."

COLOSSIANS 1:14-19 "IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, EVEN THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS: WHO IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD, THE FIRSTBORN OF EVERY CREATURE: FOR BY HIM WERE ALL THINGS CREATED, THAT ARE IN HEAVEN, AND THAT ARE IN EARTH, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE, WHETHER THEY BE THRONES, OR DOMINIONS, OR PRINCIPALITIES, OR POWERS: ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIM, AND FOR HIM: AND HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND BY HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST. AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH: WHO IS THE BEGINNING, THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD; THAT IN ALL THINGS HE MIGHT HAVE THE PREEMINENCE. FOR IT PLEASSED THE FATHER THAT IN HIM SHOULD ALL FULNESS DWELL."

COLOSSIANS 2:9-10 "FOR IN HIM DWELLETH ALL THE FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY. AND YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM, WHICH IS THE HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITY AND POWER."

EVERY NAME AND COMPOUND WORD STRUCTURE AND PHRASE THAT HAS EVER BEEN USED FOR GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, FINDS ITSELF FULFILLED AND WRAPPED UP IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

WHEN YOU SAY JESUS, YOU HAVE SAID IT ALL!!

**HEBREWS 5:9: HE IS THE AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION.
H 1:3: HE IS THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS GLORY/EXPRESS IMAGE OF HIS PERSON.
ISAIAH 32:2: HE IS A HIDING PLACE FROM THE WIND.
MATTHEW 12:42: HE IS GREATER THAN SOLOMON.
ACTS 3:14: HE IS THE HOLY ONE AND THE JUST.
HEBREWS 6:18: HE IS IMMUTABLE, AND HE CANNOT LIE.
ACTS 13:39: HE IS THE JUSTIFIER.
RUTH 4:14: HE IS OUR KINSMAN REDEEMER.
JOHN 1:29: HE IS THE LAMB OF GOD.
PHILIPPIANS 2:9: HE IS THE NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME.
REV 22:13: HE IS ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END.
ROMANS 9:21: HE IS THE POTTER.
JOHN 5:21: HE IS THE QUICKENER.
DEAUT 33:27: HE IS MY REFUGE.
PSALM 3:3: HE IS MY SHIELD.
JOHN 6:48: HE IS THE BREAD OF LIFE.
EPHESIANS 3:8: HE IS UNSEARCHABLE.**

JUST IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, JESUS CHRIST PROCLAIMED FOR HIMSELF...

**JOHN 6:35: HE SAID I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.
JOHN 8:12: I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
JOHN 10:9: I AM THE DOOR.
JOHN 10:11: I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
JOHN 11:25: I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.
JOHN 14:6: I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.
JOHN 8:24: "IF YE BELIEVE NOT THAT I AM HE YE SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS."
JOHN 8:58: BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM.**

**THE FULL IMPLICATION OF ALL THESE THINGS IS SIMPLY THIS:
THAT THE FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD DWELLETH IN JESUS CHRIST!!**

**HE WAS ADAM'S CREATOR, EVE'S PROMISE SEED, ABEL'S TESTIFIER,
ENOCH'S COMPANION, NOAH'S TRUE AND LIVING ARK, ABRAHAM'S FRIEND,
ISAAC'S SUBSTITUTE, JACOB'S WRESTLER, MOSES' GREAT PROPHET,
AARON'S ROD THAT BUDDERED, SAMSON'S STRENGTH, DAVID'S SLING,
SOLOMON'S WISDOM, ELIJAH'S MANTLE, ELISHA'S DOUBLE PORTION,
ISAIAH'S RIGHTEOUS BRANCH, JEREMIAH'S RIGHTEOUS SEED, EZEKIEL'S
MAN OF DAYS, HOSEA'S EVER FAITHFUL HUSBAND, MALACHI'S DAYSPRING
FROM ON HIGH...**

**MATTHEW'S MESSIAH, MARK'S MIRACLE WORKER, LUKE'S SON OF MAN,
JOHN'S SON OF GOD, NATHANIEL'S KING OF ISRAEL, THOMAS' LORD, PETER'S
ROCK, JUDE'S ONLY WISE GOD AND IN REVELATION HE SAID, "I AM HE THAT
LIVETH AND WAS DEAD, AND BEHOLD I AM ALIVE FOREVER MORE AND HAVE
THE KEYS TO DEATH AND HELL."**

***COLOSSIANS 3:17 "AND WHATSOEVER YE DO IN WORD OR DEED, DO ALL IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD JESUS..."***

**WE PRAY IN HIS NAME, WE GET HEALED IN HIS NAME, WE GO TO BED IN HIS
NAME AND WE WAKE UP IN HIS NAME, WE REPENT IN HIS NAME, WE GET
BAPTIZED IN HIS NAME, WE PRAY FOR OUR FOOD IN HIS NAME, WE AVOID
ACCIDENTS BY YELLING HIS NAME, WHEN WE ARE FEARFUL WE CALL ON HIS
NAME, WHEN WE ARE DISEASED WE CALL ON HIS NAME, WHEN WE ARE WEAK
WE CRAWL INTO THAT STRONG AND MIGHTY TOWER...**

***ACTS 4:12 "NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER: FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER
NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED."***

**EVERY NAME AND PHRASE THROUGHOUT 3,600 YEARS OF HISTORY TO TRY
TO DEFINE AND DESCRIBE GOD WERE ALL WRAPPED UP INTO A SINGLE CELL
AND PLANTED MIRACULOUSLY IN THE WOMB OF A VIRGIN AND WHEN HE
CAME FORTH, GOD MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH, THE NAME OF JESUS
EMBODIED EVERYTHING GOD EVER WAS AND EVER WOULD BE!!**

ALL THE FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY IS IN HIM!!!

WE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM WHO IS THE HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITY/POWER!!!

JESUS IS A NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME!!!