

USING JESUS' NAME WISELY – 3
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REVIEW:

- Jesus obtained a name above all names.
- Every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess.
- He obtained His Name by inheritance, bestowal and conquest.
- We've been given the power of attorney.

CONTINUE – ACTS 19:13-20

- **V13** – Vagabonds were wanderers strolling from place to place attempting to expel demons and tell fortunes to make a living. People would pay good money to have a demon cast out.
- **V14** – Hearing about the success of Paul, they attempted to use the Name of Jesus to cast the devil out of this man. If Sceva was a Chief Priest, why not use his name?
- **V15** – There are two different Greek words used for know. The first means to acknowledge or recognize his authority. The second means to be familiar with Paul's right to use Jesus' Name.
- **V16** – Using Jesus' Name involves a relationship, not a formula. It's not magic or a good luck charm. **1 SAMUEL 17:45** David knew God and the power of His Name. **1 SAMUEL 17:37** David experienced the power of His Name. Lord of Hosts means the God of the armies of heaven; universal ruler over every force in heaven or on earth. **PSALMS 24:8-10** Jesus is the Lord of Hosts who will defeat every enemy in the world.
 - **GENESIS 14:18-20** – El Elyon speaks of the supremacy of God. It means He's above all; the strongest of the strong and the highest of the high. Hinduism speaks of God as part of the universe. He's above it, not a part of it. **COLOSSIANS 1:16-17** Jesus is our El Elyon. He's above all things and His Name is above all names.
 - **DANIEL 7:9** – “Ancient of Days”
ISAIAH 46:9-10 In 1943 Thomas Watson said there's a world market for maybe five computers. He was the chairman of IBM. In 1977 Ken Olsen, founder of Digital Equipment, said “There's no reason anyone would want a computer in their home.” Only the Ancient of Days knows the future.
 - Jehovah-covenant, redemptive name of God in the Old Testament, “Jesus” in the New Testament meaning Jehovah is salvation.
- **V17** – These people learned Jesus' Name wasn't to be used rashly and that demons feared His Name and diseases bowed to it.
- **V18** – Those who used magic and charms came clean, confessing their ways and showing their deeds.
- **V19** – True repentance takes place. Their books were valued between \$5.5 million and \$1.5 billion.
- **V20** – God's Word prevailed over these conjuring books as Aaron's Rod prevailed over the Egyptian magicians.

THE BELIEVERS' FOUR-FOLD RIGHT

1. By birth - **JOHN 1:12-13**, and adoption – **GALATIANS 4:4-7**
2. By baptism – **ACTS 2:38** – Our baptism identifies us with Christ.
 - A. **GALATIANS 3:27 (GNT)** “You were baptized into union with Christ and now you are clothed, so to speak with the life of Christ Himself.”
3. By conferral. **MATTHEW 28:18-20** Jesus gave His disciples the legal right to conduct business for Him on earth.
4. By commission. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:20** As ambassadors for Christ, we've been sent into the world to use His Name to change lives using the power of His Name.
 - A. **ACTS 9:15-16, 27-29**

CONCLUSION: Using the Name of Jesus wisely can do more for a society than any form of education or intellectual development.