

The Name of Jesus

God's word gives revelation to us on many levels. The Scriptures, naturally, are in the context of the time when the events occurred. This study is at a high level. To generalize the passages & show how they apply today - in every aspect of our lives.

Let's see what Jesus said about his name:

Mark 16: 17-18 (KJV)

- (v17) "...cast out devils;"
 - Satan more subtle today than demon possession.
 - Cast out evil Influences / thoughts / words / actions / appearances.
- (v17) "...speak with new tongues;"
 - God's language.
 - Not hampered by our darkened state.
 - Not limited by our human intellect.
- (v18) "...take up serpents;"
 - Let's paraphrase and say, "take on serpents".
 - Take on all evil forces directly and be victorious.
- (v18) "...drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt..."
 - Poisoning was more common in Bible times.
 - Protection from harmful food, chemicals, toxins, allergens, viruses.
 - Paul bitten by the snake took on the serpent and was not harmed by it.
- (v18) "...lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."
 - This is to be freely given to others.
 - Strengthening cast out ungodly ways; help to receive God's language; ability to battle evil forces; to protect from harm; to restore to health.
- Putting it together God fully equips us as his children, and as servants for him in this world. The same principle as "putting on the whole armor of God":
 - Cast out all evil ways and influences, so we can...
 - Receive the Holy Spirit, God's language, power/protection, so we can...
 - Go on the offensive and that on evil forces, and we will be...
 - Protected from counterattacks/harmful things of the world, and can...
 - Effectively pass this to others & help them receive all these benefits.

Now let's see what God said about Jesus' name:

Philippians 2: 9-11 (KJV) and Ephesians 1: 20-22 (KJV)

- Amazing/astonishing that God, the creator of EVERYTHING, gave Jesus, and his name, the highest place of honor in all creation.
- Equally amazing/astonishing is that Jesus gave us his name - to use to overcome all challenges of life and attacks of the devil.

Joseph and the Pharaoh – An earthy example of Jesus and God:

Genesis 41:40 (KJV)

- The story of Joseph is one of God's real-life examples to show people in the eyes of their understanding who Jesus is and what Jesus will do for mankind.
- In this scripture God reveals the incredible position he has given Jesus – that only God in his throne of power and authority is greater than Jesus.

The Greatest aspect of Jesus, and his name:

- God exalted Jesus and his name was not simply because he obeyed God perfectly. Not even because he lived a perfect, sinless life.
- It was because Jesus paid the price for our sins / transgression / treason.
- It was because Jesus was the perfect shepherd and, spiritually, returned God's flock, his children, back to him.
- If we can get to heaven thru good works why did Jesus come here and die? Even our humanly wisdom tell us that makes no sense.
- Only Jesus 100% man and 100% God was capable of undoing man's treason.
- Only Jesus 100% God was capable of rebirth from hell to God's kingdom.
- If you don't know that you will be spending your eternity with God and Jesus – now is your moment. No matter what state of right standing you are in.
- Please repeat these words, from your heart:

“Jesus, I acknowledge you paid the price for my sin, and for humanity's transgression. I receive your gift of eternal life with you and with God. I invite you and desire that you come into my life. I submit to your Lordship over me and all mankind. I commit to giving you first place and to serving you as a member of your body on the Earth, and as a citizen of your kingdom and God's kingdom in the world to come.”