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## **FOREWARD**

I had a cry in my Spirit and it came out as a desire for the name. “Lord give us Your name, give us Your secret name; change our name.”

The anointing began to come down along side of this cry. Our prayers took a turn. We began to pray for things prophetically. In the midst of this prayer a revelation began to take form. It was the day after thanksgiving 2006. It had been a nice peaceful two days and we had enjoyed the company of our Assistant Pastor, Brett Leonard, and his family. My husband Billy was out of town so my daughter Rebekah and I headed to Republic Washington, to share the holidays with them.

On the following Sunday I was to preach. “Lord,” I prayed, “I don’t understand what You’re trying to tell us. Please unveil to us Your heart in this.” I received a partial revelation of what God was speaking to us and it was enough for that Sunday morning service. After service Pastor Brett began to get an avalanche of revelation. He continued for several days to hear new and exciting thoughts along the lines of the sermon. Meanwhile I was also receiving more. I am sure that we are only touching on some of the things contained in this revelation but we’ve decided to write what we could contain. The following is what began to develop that thanksgiving holiday.

In the writing of this book we hope to cause you to reach for His secret name and in the process have your name changed. We hope to answer these

questions.

How do you obtain the Name?

Can you lose it?

What does the new Name contain?



# 1

**Thou Shalt  
Call His Name  
Jesus...**

Emmanuel, the Word of God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Son of man, Son of God, the Light, the Bread, the Way, the Truth, the Life, Jesus Christ the Lord; but that's not all. He's more. There is so much contained in the Name that we will spend eternity discovering all its different facets. But what makes the name so much different than any other is that there is no other name given under heaven whereby we may be saved. In it is our inheritance.



In reading places where the name is referenced you run across several strange passages. Such as one that we read in Judges 13:18;

*And the angel of the Lord said unto him, "Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?"*

The word *secret* here means "remarkable, wonderful." We read in Isaiah 9:6 a description of the coming Messiah, and again his name is called "wonderful."

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

In this passage the word *Wonderful* means “a miracle, a marvelous thing”. So it seems that this angel who appeared unto Manoah in Judges was none other than the Lord for he bore the wonderful Name.

This may also be the instance that we see in Genesis 32:29, 30 when Jacob wrestles with the angel.

*(29) And Jacob asked him, and said, “Tell me, I pray thee, thy name.” And he said, “Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name?” And he blessed him there.*

*(30) And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.*

After Jacob receives the blessing, he wants to know the name. There was something so powerful and drawing about


the name that in these stories of the Old Testament, and some others, they knew “the name” was what to ask for.

The Lord gives him this as an answer, “Why do you want to know my name?” It wasn’t time for the Name to be revealed in the hearts and minds of men. In the Name was the future destiny of the world.

This Name will be written on us and we should pray that it be engraved in us.

They tried to kill the Name and it would not die. They are still trying to kill it. If we lay down our lives it should be for this Name. The Name sets the captives free; it saves from hell, and saves us from the gloominess of every day life. It gives us a vision so we do not perish. This name is the container for all of who He is, what He has done and all He will ever do. His name is diametrically opposed to all that

is not contained in it. But the Name produces the grace and mercy necessary to bring us into the kingdom.



# I Come to You **2** In the Name Of the Lord

I Samuel 17:45

*Then said David to the Philistine,  
“Thou comest to me with a sword, and  
with a spear, and with a shield: but I  
come to thee in the **name** of the **LORD** of  
hosts, the **God** of the armies of Israel,  
whom thou hast defied.”*

The highlighted words above are important to the theme of this writing. First, let’s look at the meaning of the word

*name* here. This is a different form of the word *name* than that which is generally used. This word does not just denote a person's name but rather all the things that accompany a title. It is from the Hebrew word *shem* which means "in the authority, and character of." The word *LORD* in the above verse means "the self-existent and eternal one." The word *GOD* as quoted above means "the Supreme God."

So what was David saying to Goliath? Simply this: you come to me with earthly instruments of war. You have stood here and defied (means strip or stripped) the armies of Israel, trying to take their dignity, honor, and their inheritance, but I come to you in the authority and character of the Father. He is self-existent and does not need anyone. He is eternal. He is the Supreme God. You have nothing close to matching His Godhead, and you cannot touch His inheritance to His people nor

can you touch the people who are His inheritance.

God's name holds many secrets. It is well known by scholars that there is a "secret name." This is also written in Revelations 19:12:

*His eyes were as a flame of fire,  
and on his head were many crowns;  
and he had a name written, that no  
man knew, but he himself.*

The Jews have taught that there is a secret name, but much can be learned from all of the names that are available to us. I won't go into all the names that go with Jehovah such as Jehovah-Nissi, Jehovah-Jireh etc. I want to explore the other names that are so often overlooked. To know and experience His name is to be in the beginning stages of a step up in the spirit realm.

Daniel 11:32

*And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he (the antichrist) corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.*

God has called us to be a people that know the power of our God and to also walk in that power. It behooves us, therefore, to know His names and the character that accompanies those names.

David knew His God. He had tried and proven Him in the lonely shepherd fields, day and night. He had proven Him with the bear and the lion. He was confident in the God he served. He knew that Goliath was nothing.



In Moses' time the two men that came back from spying the camp of the enemy on the other side of Jordan told Israel not to worry about the giants "...they are just bread for us." Numbers 14:9 shows us these men's faith:

*Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defense is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.*

In Luke 14:31, Jesus tries to explain to His followers that it is needful for them to "add it all up" before they go to war:

*Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet*

*him that cometh against him with  
twenty thousand?*

There is a simple lesson, make sure you have enough strength on your side to overthrow the other side. Of course with our God this has nothing to do with numbers for greater is He that is within us than he that is in the world.

Earthly kings add up their strength in numbers. How big is my army, how many weapons do I have? What secret weapons might they have? We on the other hand know that "...if God be for us, who can be against us?" But there is also the fine print.

At one point when Saul was after David, David enquired of God concerning a certain city:

*(1) Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors.*

*(2) Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go and smite these Philistines?" And the LORD said unto David, "Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah."*

*(3) And David's men said unto him, "Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?"*

*(4) Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand."*

*(5) So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their*

*cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.*

*(6) And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.*

*(7) And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, "God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars."*

*(8) And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.*

*(9) And David knew that Saul secretly practiced mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring hither the ephod."*

*(10) Then said David, "O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath*

*certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.*

*(11) Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? Will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant.” And the LORD said, “He will come down.”*

*(12) Then said David, “Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?” And the LORD said, “They will deliver thee up.” (I Samuel 23:1-12)*

So we see that God told David to go and deliver the city but that was not the end of the message. David was smart enough to look into the matter a little deeper. He asked God if Saul would come after him and God said he would. Then he asked God if the city, which David had

just delivered, would give him over to Saul. God said, “Yes, they will deliver you up.” So we see that God is precise and his instructions must be sought out.

But the main point I wish to make is this: David understood the Big God he served and he understood the fine print. He knew his God. He knew the power of His name and how and when to use it. How we handle adversity tells us how well we know our God and how well we use His name.

Let’s take another look at David.

When he came up to the camp where Goliath had mocked Israel and their God, David got indignant. His brothers chastised him and said that he was just there to be in on the fun. So, David was ridiculed by his brethren. Then he put off the armor that Saul put on him. He had

never used weapons of the carnal army. He quickly put them off and used what instruments of war that he had tried and proven. Then when he stood before Goliath he was once again belittled.

In order to stand strong he had to have the knowledge of a much greater strength than anyone else on that hillside was aware of. The whole nation was held as a captive to fear. They were men of war, trained in battle, fearless and courageous, but the battle was not a battle of flesh but spirit. While the army was busy trying to find bravado, they were all empty of spiritual insight. They had trained and were experienced in every natural form of warfare. Now the whole nation was facing slavery, bound by fear and an inability to proceed.

But here was one young man who had spent much of his time alone with only

sheep, nature, and God to talk to. He had time to find God, fellowship with God and to build a faith and love that would outlive his earthly life. He was given a character and nature, a name that gave birth to psalms, songs and prophetic utterances. Much information about the coming kingdom of God and the Messiah that would produce this kingdom is found in David's writings. He himself was even a type and shadow of the Messiah. He conquered the giant through the name and nature of God because He knew his God.

Jesus came to bring the Name down to man. He knew the Name would make us one with Him, as He and the Father were one. The angel said "His name will be called Jesus for he will save us from our sins."



In Revelations it says these things about the Name:

*Revelations 3:12 - Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name for the city of my God which is new Jerusalem which cometh down out of heaven from my God and I will write upon him my new name.*

*Revelations 14:1 - And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.*

*Revelations 19:12, 13 – (12) His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on*

*his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. (13) And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

*Revelations 19:16 - And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

*Revelations 22:4 - And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.*

At this juncture I would like to record the information given in one of my bible dictionaries concerning names:

**It is customary to mark ones entrance into a new relationship by a new name. And when accepting a new name you**

**must acknowledge the sovereignty of the name giver. The reasons for name change are also held in the framework of new revelation. Simon said to Jesus “thou art the Christ, the son of the living God.” Jesus said, “Blessed are you Simon BarJona for flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto you but my Father which is in heaven. And I also say unto you thou are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”**

The Lord was making it plain here that this revelation was elevating Peter to a name change. So the dictionary continues with this statement: **The importance and new sphere is assigned to the new revelation. This is frequently marked by a change of name.**

Whatever the reason that births the name change, it is evident in different stories in the Word of God. You find the name change for Abraham, Sarah, and Jacob whose name was changed to Israel, to denote the whole new inheritance that God was giving through these great patriarchs. In short, the names of God are instituted in us, as our will is not just bent to His will but given over to His character and nature.

Before the crucifixion Jesus was in the garden talking to the Father. He was about to purchase the divine name for all of humanity. The last surrender was to the Father's will. He said, "Not my will but Thine be done." This then is the pattern for receiving and taking on of the name or divine nature of the Godhead. We must release our will.

We are stubborn and set in our ways. We have mindsets that hold us to old ways and patterns that were set early on in life. These things must be broken. No matter how much it goes against the grain we ultimately must lay down all our will and desire to do things our way. We must die to the outcome of doing His will. Many would have no problem doing His will if they knew that the outcome would be a desirable one, but many times it means death or imprisonment. It means loss. That is why Paul said in Philippians 3:8:

*Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but **loss** for the **excellency** of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the **loss** of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.*

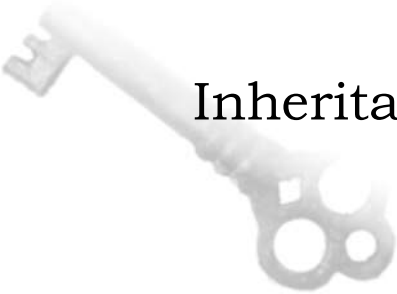
I highlighted the words *loss* and *excellency* in this passage for a reason. The first word *loss* means “a detriment.” So the connotation here is that he lost that which was really a detriment to him so that he might receive the *excellency* (to hold oneself above, higher, supreme) of the knowledge of Jesus. He felt that losing that which was really a detriment was worth the second *loss*. This second word *loss* meant “to injure, be cast away, suffer damage.” So the exchange was worth it. He traded the things that hindered him gaining the knowledge of God and counted it as dung and even the things that were not a detriment. These things were just plain injuries without any application to Paul’s spirit. He was after one thing; he wanted to be one with the object of his affection. He wanted to fully receive and apply the Name, its nature and everything that goes with it. So to recap this thought I will explain it another way.

There are two kinds losses. There is the loss of things that we had a high estimation of. Sometimes we do not realize until years later that losing that job, friend, or status was the best thing that could have happened. Through that loss we not only learn not to hold onto things or people that are not God's desire. Whatever He desires will benefit our spirit-man. Through possessions and losses we learn to grow spiritually. Though the letting go of it is difficult we learn valuable lessons of surrender and obedience.

The second loss is of something that actually does benefit us, those things which have brought life, love and light to our path. Still, sometimes God requires these things. Here is where we show our trust in God's decision by releasing these things with no injury to our relationship with God.

# 3

## Inheritance



“Oh look she inherited my eyes.”

Aunt Naomi says, “I believe she has grandma’s chin.”

The baby cries in frustration and Dad says, “It’s clear she’s got her mothers temperament.”

When’s the last time someone said, “You are so much like Jesus?” You probably never have or never will. It’s not because it is not true but because people are not



searching for “the God” in others. They are too busy looking for the devil. We have inherited the first Adam’s nature until we come into alignment with the will of God.

His likeness and inheritance isn’t usually seen until we allow the word to get into the river of our will. As long as your will power reigns supreme you are not displaying the inheritance that you were born into.

It is always strange to look at a baby that bares no resemblance to mother or father. You come to the conclusion that that baby must be adopted. Is this not the conclusion the world comes to when it looks at people who claim to be Christians but they bear no resemblance to the name? They cuss like the world, smoke like the world, and have affairs like the world.

I would venture to say that unless your will is being changed you have not truly come into inheritance. For when He is your life, you live to have Him pleased with you, and you are happy to satisfy Him for he is your life. David had this kind of heart when he wrote Psalms 16:5, “The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance.” Also the Lord told the Levites that they were not to take land for He would be their inheritance. And in Hebrews 1:1-4 we about Jesus:

*(1) God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,*

*(2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*

*(3) Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by*

*the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

*(4) Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

The word *inheritance* means “heir.” This was understood in Bible times as the carrying of ones name down to the next generation. They had very strict laws concerning the land inheritance in kinship to the name as we discussed earlier. So the word *inheritance* and *name* are very closely related. So Jesus inherited the Name and all the properties or elements contained as the heir of the Name. He had obtained a more excellent name because it was not an inheritance that was a small plot of land somewhere but the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof. This

inheritance would provide the maintenance of the name and the nature of the name of the person who passed down the inheritance to the inheritor.

To inherit a business or family name, we are expected to walk in the likeness of which was built by our predecessor. In business if you change the value, the reputation and the general product, you can no longer enjoy that which was passed down through a good reputation. In no time people say, “It’s not as good as his father’s.” Or “It’s a shame that such a good company has gone bad.” The name, and the inheritance of that name, was to continue from generation to generation. It was in the case of Jesus in particular, predestinated. He is the author and the finisher of our faith and the first to carry out the fullness of the inheritance of the Name.



*Predestinated* - To limit in advance, a boundary, a purpose.

This word has been so abused. It was to mean that God fences in some people. It does not mean that this person cannot lose the Name and the inheritance. It simply means they are given an extra provision from God that helps them in making choices.

There was never a time in my life that I didn't understand that God was both a

judge and a rewarder. There was never a time that I did not fear the Lord.

Those fenced in ones try and go one way and a fence is there to stop them. They try another way and it ends in disaster. Finally one day you bow your knees to the infinite God and say, "Show me your way. I realize that I need you in my life. I can't find what is missing, please take me and show me your will for my life. I've come home now, I'm no longer on my own." This is the acknowledgement of something you really knew all along but were not conforming to. That is until you hit that last fence. This is predestination. You are fenced off and sealed in. The word *seal* also carries apart of the reference of being fenced in, but in no way does it mean that some are born to go to hell and some are born to go to heaven. It is true that the fenced in ones have a jump on eternity, but God is not

willing that any should perish. The purpose of the fenced in ones is to show the way to the out and out rebellious ones.

We are to be his witnesses on earth, the bearers of the name and nature of Jesus Christ, but not all fenced in ones go to heaven. Likewise not all unfenced ones go to hell. I have meet people on both sides of the issue, but I am thankful for the fence that He has placed around my life. In running to do my own will I have ended up falling into His will. He has had so much mercy on my stiff-necked rebellious attitudes that I could never repay him.

We are fenced in as soon as we come to the Lord. At that time we are in a place of growth. Everything in the kingdom is meant to be brought into maturity. You may be born into a family and you are

named Jane Smith, but that doesn't mean that you are going to take on the reflection of those that you were born to.

It's impossible to tell what a child will do until it gets older. It is the desire of the parents for the children to be one thing or another. So the parents try and fence the child in so that the only direction available to them is the one that they desire to see done. Maybe they send them to a special school. Perhaps they surround them with musical instruments. They may insist that they take violin lessons. We try and motivate them in the right direction. We try to remove them from the wrong direction. This is the same way God fences us in but that does not mean that we will conform to His image. It is His desire but we don't always do what is best.



One thing is for sure, we are predestinated to be conformed to his image. We may have been created in his image but we left the pattern a long time ago. Jesus said, “Ye are of your father the devil.” It is His plan, His will and His desire that we mature and grow into the full stature of Jesus Christ. This is His destiny for us.

God has taken all the steps necessary to bring you into maturity. He has predestined you to be an inheritor of the Name, but will you conform to His image or will you break the mold and live according to your desire?

# 5

## How Man Lost The Name



Every man, from Adam until this present time, has been faced with a choice that controls his eternal destiny. The choice is to love God or to make oneself like God. You might think both of these options are good, and in one sense they both are, but man is never to make himself like God. When Adam and Eve chose to be like God, they lost the inheritance God had for them. The Name, which

represented their inheritance and eternal life, was forfeited when they chose to make themselves wise like God. Let us look at Genesis 2 starting in verse 7:

*(7) And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*

*(8) The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.*

*(9) And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil . .*

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*(15) Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.*

*(16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;*

*(17) but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die . . . .”*

*(3:1) Now, the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”*

*(2) And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;*

*(3) but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden,*

*God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"*

*(4) Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.*

*(5) For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

*(6) So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

*(7) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings . . .*

*(22) Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil.*

*And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”*

*(23) Therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.*

*(24) So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden, and a flaming sword, which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. (NKJV)*

**Why did God put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden?**

Have you ever read this passage and asked that question? It seems man could have avoided the fall if this tree had not been in the garden. Actually, that is not true. The tree was not the cause of man’s

sin. This tree had a specific purpose that no other tree created by God could have fulfilled. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the perfect test of man's love for God. The arrangement of this test could not have been any better. This was the test; would man love God and obey His commandment or would he reach out in his own power and strength and make himself like God. This was the choice man had in the garden and this is the choice every one of us faces. This test goes on and on throughout our whole lives, whether we are a Christian or a non-Christian, new to the faith or have been walking in the way a longtime. This choice is ever before us, the choice to love God and live in obedience to Him or to go our own way.

### **The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and The Law of God**

We see an interesting parallel between the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and “the Law” of God. The Law was given to Moses from God on Mt. Sinai and instructed the Israelites on what was good and acceptable to God and what was sin or evil. The tree also possessed this same attribute; it made known what was good and what was evil. In Psalms 19: 7-10, we read that the Law of God, and everything it contains (the commandments, testimonies, precepts, judgments, ordinances, etc.) does the same as this tree did; it makes wise the simple, it enlightens the eyes.

If we look at Romans 7:9-11 this parallel continues between the tree and the Law. Paul reveals the truth in the letter to the Romans that sin is only made alive through the Law. Without the Law, we would never have the knowledge of what is sin and there would not be a



punishment. The same principle applies to the tree. When man partook of the fruit, their eyes were opened and sin became alive through the knowledge of good and evil. Romans 7:9-11 explains,

*(9) And I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came (knowledge of good and evil), sin became alive, and I died;*

*(10) and this commandment (knowledge of good and evil), which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me;*

*(11) for sin, taking opportunity through the commandment (knowledge of good and evil), deceived me, and through it killed me. (NASB)*

The knowledge of what was evil was now clear to them, and because of their

disobedience to God that knowledge, which was supposed to benefit them, killed them.

## **The Security System**

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the perfect test of man's love for God, because if man failed the test and disobeyed God's command, man's sin would be instantly made alive and exposed. If man fell into the temptation to become wise like God, he would first have to sin in order to attempt it. When Adam and Eve bit into the forbidden fruit, the eyes of their conscience were immediately opened and they gained the wisdom of good and evil. Then that knowledge instantly revealed their sin of disobedience to God's command, and sin taking opportunity through the knowledge (or the Law) killed them (Romans 7:11). It was the perfect security system. The

fruit of any other tree would not have made their sin alive. If God had said not to eat from an apple tree, and they bit into an apple, that fruit would not have given them the knowledge they had just sinned. Only the Law can make sin alive. This is why I believe the tree of the knowledge of good and evil had to be the Law of God.

Man could never make himself like God, because he would be sinning by reaching out for that knowledge in his own ability. When man tries to be like God in his own strength, when man tries to reach an equal status with God, it is pride. Pride is not an attribute of God, so therefore to make oneself like God is not God-like but it is sin. The bible lets us know knowledge can make one proud, or knowledge “puffeth up” (like the KJV reads), and God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

God is the only one who can lay claim to owning the knowledge of good and evil, and this ability is what separates God from any other. The bible says that God is holy in righteousness. His righteousness is what sets Him apart from anything else. He is separated from all others because of this perfection. God's holiness gives Him the ability to possess the knowledge of good and evil and not be condemned by it because there is no unrighteousness in Him. This is what makes Him God and there is no one like Him or ever will be.

Man was created in the image of God, but God did not create this knowledge in man. Man was placed in a position where he would have to humble himself in order to receive this knowledge. He was commanded not to eat of the fruit, so in order to obtain this knowledge of what was good and evil, he would have to receive it straight from the mouth of God,

and God was willing to share it. When God gave them the commandment not to eat of the tree, He was sharing this knowledge of good and evil with man. Exodus tells us “man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” As long as man chose the path of humility and kept God’s commandment, he stayed in that relationship of love with the Father. But, when he chose to make himself like God and coveted that equal status with God, he laid down the God-like character of humility and pride killed him and separated him from his creator.

# 6



## **“The Choice to Make Oneself Like God”**

**Being tempted by what is good.**

Genesis 2:9 says that God made every tree to be good for food and to be pleasing to the eyes. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was also like the other trees, good for food and a delight to the eyes, but it differed from all other trees in that it had the ability to make one wise like God.

The fruit of this tree was good and was eatable, but nevertheless man was commanded never to eat this fruit or else the consequences would be immediate death. We must remember though the tree was not evil, it only possessed the knowledge of what was evil. The tree was actually good because after God was done creating everything He declared that it was good. Paul also tells us in Romans chapter 7, the Law (the knowledge of good and evil) is not sinful or evil, but that it is holy and good:

*(7) What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "You shall not covet."*

*(8) But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment,*

*produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead . . .*

*(12) So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.*

*(13) Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting me death through that which is good, that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful. (NASB)*

The serpent was not wrong when he told Eve the tree would make one wise. He was, however, being deceitful and setting her up for the fall. The scripture says he was “more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.” He did not lie when he told Eve the tree would make her wise, but he did



lie when he said she would not die. Sin deceives us in this way. It twists and adds to the truth to entice us to do what is evil with that which is good. We must always hold firm to God's commandments and not add our own thoughts to His ways. If we do, we deceive ourselves by our own lusts and desires.

When Eve was tempted by the serpent, Genesis 3:6 says she saw the tree was "good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise." These three attributes of this tree were good and were not evil in themselves. When man lusted and coveted the equal status with God that he thought would be obtained from this fruit, he gave into the love that comes from this world and rejected the love that comes from the Father. The love that comes from this world is called worldliness. I John 2:15,16 says,

*(15) Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

*(16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.*

*(17) And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever. (NASB)*

Adam and Eve gave into this love of self, gave into the lust of the flesh (the fruit was good for food), the lust of the eyes (saw it was a delight to the eyes) and the boastful pride of life (able to make one wise). Sin, and even more specifically coveting, will take opportunity and entice us through those things which are good.

When the Law said, “thou shall not covet,” it was not talking of just those things that are evil but also those things which are good. The fruit of this tree was not evil, but coveting its ability to make one like God was. We must be very careful of the deception of sin and the devil.

We see people all around us live their lives without God, yet they portray a life that looks good and honorable. Take for instance someone who is a farmer. He has inherited land that has been passed down from generation to generation. He follows in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and works very hard to keep a good reputation for the family name. Everyone respects him because he is a hard working man that provides for his family, but if this man has not surrendered his will to God, and lives his life this way because of pride and the way he looks to

society, then he has been deceived by the love of this world. The very thing that is good and honorable becomes sinful to him because he has taken the authority of his life out of the hands of God. This is a hard thing to admit. We normally honor people who make a good life for themselves, work hard, and it is a good thing in itself, but it becomes evil if it did not come from God. People are dying and going to hell because they are sinning with that which is good and would bring them life and not living a life of love for their heavenly Father.

### **Having an evil desire to make oneself like God**

There is a pride in every human being to be lifted up in the eyes of men and to be like God. It can take on very different forms but the basis of it all is pride, and it doesn't go completely away when you become a Christian. We pray all the time,

“Lord, make me like you. Let me walk in Your power and authority!” We must examine the motives behind this prayer. Do we truly desire God’s glory on our lives to exalt Him, or are we coveting His glory to exalt ourselves? Our prayers and desires must come from a submitted life to Christ and a pure love for God.

We see then that the first sin man fell into was coveting, wanting to make himself like God. I believe this is why Paul mentions the sin of coveting in Romans 7:7, 8. Supreme authority is an attribute that belongs to God alone and is not a thing to be coveted. God does want to share His authority with us and put it on us, but it is only given by Him, not taken from Him. All that God has He wants to share with us, but only those who have an intimate love relationship with Him will know how to properly use it.

Man was never to take and eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. To take and eat from their own hand was to take the authority away from God. God wanted to reveal this aspect of Himself, but it was to be received through His spoken word. This requires love and humility, to wait for God to give us the revelation of knowledge.

Those who do not submit to His ways fall into the sin of rebellion.

Lucifer fell into this rebellion. The bible tells us he was originally an archangel and had a high ranking position, but iniquity was found in him and he fell from his position and took on the name of Satan. Isaiah 14:13,14 shows us Lucifer's rebellion:

*(13) But you said in your heart,  
"I will ascend to heaven; I will raise*

*my throne above the tars of God,  
And I will sit on the mount of  
assembly in the recesses of the  
north.*

*(14) I will ascend above the  
heights of the clouds; I will make  
myself like the Most High.” (NASB)*

The rebellion is to “make oneself like the Most High” instead of allowing God, through faith and love, to conform us into His image. It is impossible to make yourself like God in your own strength and succeed.

## **Man tries to climb the Mountain of God**

God gave me a vision of a man trying to climb the Mountain of God. This mountain represented God himself. It was not a natural mountain, but it was a spirit; you could not touch it, it was transparent

and was ghost-like in appearance. I saw this man determine through his natural means to try and climb this spiritual mountain. This was an impossible task. The first attempt at taking a step he steps into the open air and falls through the mountain, tumbles to the ground and dies because the mountain is a spirit.

This vision tells us that there is only one God, there is none beside Him, and it is impossible for us to become like Him in our own strength. For man to think he can become like God is as ridiculous as trying to climb a ghost. God is a spirit and there will never be anyone like Him because it is impossible for anyone to become like Him.

### **The Mountain of God – Mt. Sinai**

As I was meditating on this vision, God reminded me there was a mountain in the



bible that represents this very picture. It is Mt. Sinai. God called Moses to the top of Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments and the Law. Galatians 4 tells us this mountain represents the Law and the old covenant. While Moses was receiving the Law, no one was allowed to approach or touch the mountain or else they would die.

God revealed to me, the spiritual mountain I saw in my vision was represented in the natural by this Mt. Sinai, and that this was representing the attribute of God that is the Law. We cannot become like God through the Law (the knowledge of good and evil). If we come near and try, we die, because it is a sin to try and make oneself like God. This knowledge is only given by God and He only gives it to the humble. Moses was allowed to climb this mountain only because God extended grace to him for

the bible tells us Moses was the meekest man on the face of the earth.

King David wrote in Psalm 24:3,4:

*(3) Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place?*

*(4) He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully. (NASB)*

And again in Psalm 32:1,2

*(1) How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!*

*(2) How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit! (NASB)*

The only way man can come near to God, and to be conformed into His likeness, is if God extends grace and forgiveness, and He bestows that on the humble and on those who love His Son.



# **“The Perfect Man, Jesus Christ**

# 7

Every man, born from Adam, failed in the choice to love God perfectly, for the bible tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory and character. The knowledge man gained from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil only brought him the revelation of his sin and the sentence of death.

**Although He existed in the form of God, do not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped.**

Jesus showed us this perfect way and chose to love the Father and obey His every command. He chose to love His God and Father and reject the love that is in the world. One scripture that best describes His love and obedience is found in Philippians 2:5-11:

*(5) Have this attribute in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,*

*(6) who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,*

*(7) but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.*

*(8) And being found in the appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the*

*point of death, even death on a cross.*

*(9) Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,*

*(10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,*

*(11) and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NASB)*

He was the perfect man, always submitting, living in total obedience to His Father. Even though Jesus was God, in order to show mankind the way he was to love God, He had to allow His divine nature to be emptied out. Then becoming like one of us, He needed to receive everything from His Father. He lived in total dependence to His God and Father,

and was always giving His Father the glory for everything lived out in His life.

**He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross**

Have you ever asked the question, “Why did Jesus’ death have to take place on a cross?” I have wondered this many times, but during this study of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the truth was made clear to me.

The cross was the agent which carried out the judgment and the penalty for our sin. Our carnal sinful nature was crucified with Christ when he hung on that tree. We see then the cross was a symbol of judgment, and judgment is a part of the Law of God. God’s Law, as we mentioned earlier, consists of commandments, ordinances, statutes, precepts, and

judgments. If the cross was a symbol of judgment, then it is safe to say that the cross was also a symbol of the Law.

There is a simple law in algebra that I will use to make this point. The law is:

**if  $a=b$ , and  $b=c$ , then  $a=c$**

Now we will use this law in our study:

If the

**cross = judgment**

and

**judgment = the Law**

then the

**cross = the Law**

We then can apply this law to the cross and the tree of knowledge:

**if the tree of knowledge = the Law  
and the Law = the cross then the tree of  
knowledge = the cross**



Was it not the tree of knowledge that sin used to put man to death? And was it not a tree (the cross) that Christ was nailed upon to make atonement for our sins? Since it was the tree of knowledge that made man's sin alive, and was the agent to effect man's death, if Christ was to be the substitute for us, then the tree would have to be the same agent that would put Christ to death. The cross was used by God to symbolize the death of man back in the Garden of Eden.

I had a vision of this while I was receiving this revelation. I saw man reach out to take the fruit of the tree of knowledge. Immediately when he takes that first bite, the sky turns black, there is lightening and thunder, then man is thrown upon the tree of knowledge and crucified there because of his sin and disobedience. You and I deserve to hang

there on that tree, to be put to death, and to be eternally separated from God.

But praise be to God! He sent His Son, the perfect man, to come and take our place of death on that tree. While man reached out to make himself like God, Jesus let go of His divine nature and came down in the likeness of man and his sinful carnal flesh, and showed us the perfect example of love by laying down His life for us.

## **Love is the Greatest Thing**

What motivated Jesus' whole life were the two greatest commandments, and He kept them in the order He gave them to us. The first was to love His Father with everything that was in Him. Never did Jesus do or say anything on His own initiative, but He always did what pleased His Father and He kept His

commandments. The second was to love you and I, as He loved Himself, and lay His life down for us.

This is why I pray with more conviction than ever before, “Lord, I want to be like your Son! Please fill me with the love and the knowledge of Christ!”

Ephesians 3:14-20 tells us that the love of Christ is greater than having the knowledge that makes us like God:

*(14) For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father,*

*(15) from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,*

*(16) that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man;*

*(17) so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,*

*(18) may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,*

*(19) and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. (NASB)*

The love of Christ is greater than the knowledge of good and evil. The apostle John summed up the nature of God when he wrote in I John 4:8, “. . . God is love.” The greatest thing about God is not His knowledge of good and evil, which is what makes Him wise, but His greatest character is His love.

If you and I will strive to “know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge,” then we will be filled up with the fullness of God. The power, the authority to heal the sick and raise the dead, the glory of God upon our lives that we desire, comes through the love which Christ possessed for His Father.

Without love, all the knowledge and all the power of God will profit us nothing. II Corinthians 13:2 warns us of this:

*And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. (NASB)*

After man ate of the tree of knowledge, he received the wisdom he coveted, but it did not profit him, and instead it backfired and killed him.

The parable of the “Prodigal Son” in Luke 15 teaches us this same thing. The younger son of a certain man coveted the inheritance (the Name) he was to receive from his father. Before the time he was able to rightfully use it, he took possession of the inheritance and squandered away all of his wealth on loose living and sin. Finally, he ended up starving and taking a job feeding pigs. His inheritance did not profit him in the long run but became a cause of great sorrow for him, just like the tree became a cause of death for man. We must obtain a submitted life of love for God before we receive our inheritance of power and authority as Christians. We must “pursue love” like II Corinthians 14:1 commands us. If we don’t, the very thing we covet and obtain will destroy us.

Jesus showed us love is the greatest thing. He did not just come down and tell us, but He demonstrated that love to us by taking our punishment of death on Himself. We see in Jesus that glory, honor, and exaltation is bestowed upon those who humble themselves and love God with all their hearts. Jesus, because He made the greatest sacrifice of love, received the Name, bestowed by the Father, that is above all other names. He not only obtained that name on Himself, but purchased the Name for us also, for all those that would believe in Him.

# 8

## **The Sealing of The Name**



In Song of Solomon the bride cries for the kisses. His kisses are a sealing of the name. It is revelation of the name and it releases the understanding of his divine nature and purposes.

John 3:33 says, *“He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.”*

When we receive His testimony we seal in or fence into our heart that God is true. This truth (God is our Father and Jesus is our Savior) then goes to war



against lies and unbelief. The enemy is quick to make us believe that God is unfair. We may think this way, “He didn’t answer my prayers, nothing has changed. God has made it where I can never line up. What God ask of us in unattainable.” We are accusing God of being unfair every time we complain. We don’t realize that the circumstances are working for us. It works to kill the old man and to teach us trust and patience along with the fruits of the Spirit.

Lets look at Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep (shamar) it.

The word *keep* is the Hebrew word “shamar.” This word means, “to hedge about, guard, protect, and take heed.” This hedging up was to be a fence around the garden. If Adam had taken heed and kept

watch, the enemy could have never persuaded Adam and Eve. I also find it interesting that they were not told that they couldn't eat of the tree of life until after they fell and they were banished. They had only one "no, no." They were not to eat of the tree of knowledge. These two trees (like the secret name of Jesus) hold a lot of mystery and intrigue. But I will submit this to you.

Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life." We know he was life and brought life, as was the tree of life. He is all we will ever need. This tree I believe represented the living Christ. Eve could have chosen this tree and lived forever. But they chose the one tree forbidden, the tree of knowledge. This tree represented the law. The law is sweet as honey in the honeycomb the word tells us. As was discussed earlier, this sweetness corresponds to Eve's observance to the

tree being good for food, pleasant to the eyes and it made one wise. None of these things would have been necessary because it was all contained in the tree of life without the weakness of temptation given by the tree of knowledge. And yet Paul said that the law slew him. Why, because contained in the law is a display of our weaknesses and faults as well as a way out of them. Without the law there would not be the knowledge of good and evil for there would have been no evil. The eating of this tree gave birth to what we call the conscience. As soon as they ate of the tree they knew that they were naked. The glory had departed that had covered them and they were left with shame that was brought to light through the birth of a much-needed conscience. Guilt is what the conscience forms when it breaks the laws of God. We then do many things to silence this guilt and we harden our heart, all because we chose the law over life. At

anytime Adam and Eve could have partaken of life and truth and known the way. But instead they listened to the tempter who made the law look so good. That's because he knew how to twist, and turn it until it became a dagger to our eternal soul.

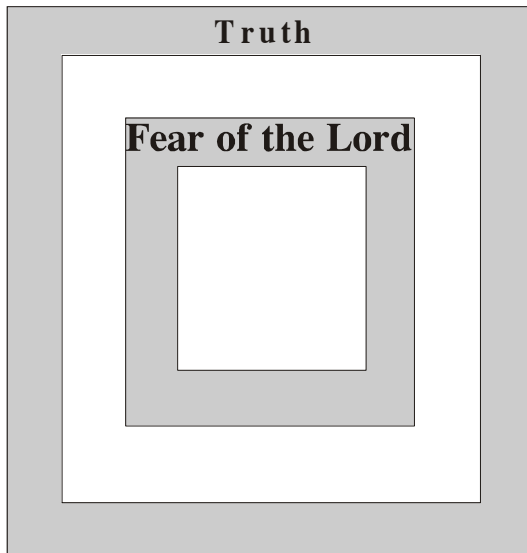
Since we lost the place of perfect worship and fellowship (as Satan before us) we too are fenced out of the presence of God until.... Let's take a closer look at the tree of knowledge.

For those who desire to take the hard climb back up into the fullness of the stature of Jesus Christ, we must erect the walls.

The truth guards against any lie. The truth in the word and in the spirit must be learned, and relearned. Lived and relived,

built and rebuilt. Until the foxes no longer spoil the vines.

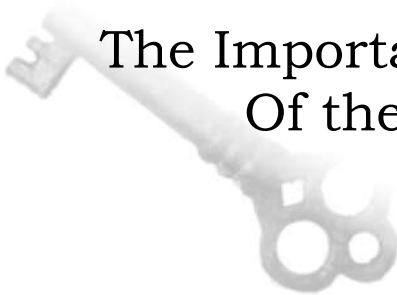
And if our truth wall gets weak because we haven't spent enough time in prayer and in the word we suffer a breach. Then the second wall kicks into play. It's called the Fear of the Lord. This wall keeps us looking out for sins that are always costly.



Even discouragement, anger, self pity can cause years of torment. This fear of the Lord stops us from venturing into sin because of the warnings that God's word has given to us. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. We don't always obey out of love but that's ok for a start. The word tells us "Some out of love some out of fear, pulling them out of the fire." The fear of the Lord warns us that any act of disobedience can cause an eternal fall. This puts a wisdom picture up. "I'd rather do without than miss eternity."

# 9

## The Importance Of the Name



1Kings 21:2, 3

*2) And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, "Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money."*

*(3) And Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee."*

Naboth had a very valid reason for not selling his vineyard to the king. It wasn't because the king's offer was not good financially; it wasn't because Naboth desired to be stubborn and resist the king, but because God gave this land to his family. God Himself divided this land to each of the tribes of Israel. It was God's commandment to each tribe to give unto them the land that they were allocated. It was a matter of keeping God's plan in his life or giving into the pressure and will of man out of fear. Naboth's family worked the vineyard from one generation to another. (It takes somewhere around seven or eight years to bring in the harvest) They had kept the will of God and labored over the vineyard given them by the Lord God, and Naboth had rather die being obedient to God and his inheritance than to live a false life without it. Whenever you are living outside the



divine will of God you are living in a false reality.

We must line up with God's will. And like Naboth, God's will should mean more to us than any offer that the world will try and bring to the table. We should be more willing to die and see God's will done than to have our very life without God's will.

Naboth knew the importance of his inheritance. It was his name that would continue on through this possession. It was his very nature that was to continue on throughout his generations. It was to magnify the importance that God places on inheritance.

If we were so uncaring about the gift that was bought with blood and suffering, we would never respect the inheritance that was to come through the Son that was

to be given. Jesus had to die to pass the inheritance on to the next generation because a will and testament was no good as long as the owner remained alive. His sacrifice then was to lay down his life that we might take it up, and when we take it up we are then put in the position of the inheritor of all the promises of God. That's why God carefully laid out detailed plans for the lands that were to be passed down, like in Numbers 27:9-11:

*(9) And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren.*

*(10) And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren.*

*(11) And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto*

*the children of Israel a statute and ordinance, as Jehovah commanded Moses.*

The word *inheritance* is inter-related with *name*. That is why God did not give the Levitical priesthood land. He was making the distinction at that juncture concerning those who wanted to have God as they're all in all. God was to be the name that would be passed down and inherited. It was to be the ultimate sacrifice to the Levites and it was to be their ultimate reward. They were to be the family that bore the name of God, the mediator for God and the very nature of God maintained by this earthly family.

This then is to be our position. We are caretakers of the name of God. We are to demonstrate His name. We are to walk in His power and authority but more importantly we are to walk in His nature.

Taking on His love, His humility and His very nature we honor that which benefits us. We should give the utmost honor to the King of Glory. We will one-day give account to the Lord on how we honored or dishonored the privileged position that has been granted to us.

The way we live our life shows what is important to us. Many people spend all their spare time in their gardens. Some can't wait to get on the golf course. Still others make their boast in sports. And more people give their life to pleasure than to anything else. To give honor to the Name is to lay down all earthly conquest and give yourself over to all heavenly conquest on earth. The Name will live on through your example. Each prayer that changes lives, each financial gift given to promote the kingdom is precious in his eyes. The importance of the Name is immeasurable. The value of it will take

eternity to display. We are to participate in the divine nature.

II Peter 1:3, 4 says,

*(3) According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:*

*(4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, (remember that name means “nature”) having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

So we have been given all the things that pertain to life and godliness, and this comes through the knowledge we gain about Him. This is because He has called

us to virtue and glory. This gives us great and precious promises. So then the promises given in the bible are ours, even if they were given to Israel and to the Fathers of our faith. We have through the same inheritance gained the same promises, and if that was not enough we can be a partaker in his divine nature, his precious name and all that it contains. Praise His holy name!

In these scriptures in II Peter, we find out a little more of the meaning as we look at the Greek. In verse three it talks about the *divine power*. This phrase *divine power* means “the Spirit of God.” In verse four we read *precious and exceedingly great promises*. This phrase in Greek means “Word of God.” The spirit deals with the supernatural means of understanding and receiving both revelations and experiences in spirit form. The “Word of God” is the written

extension of the Spirit of God. It is the word that is written in order to read and understand in the natural mind. So these scriptures tell us of both the natural and the supernatural moving of God on those who are yielding to God. This yielding is done both in the natural intellect and in the spirit.

My finite words cannot come close to relating to you the importance that God has placed on the Name.



Being Born  
Again

# 10

I Peter 1:23

*Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

This word *being* is a continued action word. I believe with all my heart that we have a continuing rebirth every time we enter into the spirit. When we leave this present state of being, and travel into the **now** time, we are being born again. We



are taking on more of that incorruptible seed. This seed lives and abides forever bringing new life with every implant. It continues to be reborn in us as we receive his *rhema*, or “living word.” We are becoming more tied to the incorruptible and we come into life with that which is eternal, or as the scripture declares, “...it liveth and abideth forever.” As we are letting go of this world we are exchanging it for heavenly things. This process is a part of being or becoming. As we progress in this new “born again” state, we take on more and more of Him and less and less of us, or we could say we take on more and more life and less and less death. In this letting go of death we are taking on life or becoming a new creature, one that is in a state of being born again.

This is taking on the inheritance or the Name. This inheritance has no value until it is acted upon. Jesus knew the value of

continuing the presentation of the Name. He presented this new life over and over. He even prayed it. He asked the Father to glorify His name. The Father had to respond, “I have glorified it and I will glorify it again.” That name is glorified, and brought to life with each step forward that you and I take as we run to lay hold of the name.

He begged Israel in Isaiah 62:2 when he said,

*And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.*

His promises never die. That new name and status is waiting for us right now. He told Israel in Isaiah 62:4:

*Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.*

So we stand to gain more than just one name. We see a name change and a change of status. We are promoted and given a new identity in the spirit. This is not always the identity given to us by those around us. Only God can truly behold the work that has been wrought in us and give it a name. That is what the new names are all about, Beloved. It is things that have been obtained and maintained in the spirit. They are sometimes invisible seed, even to our eyes, but we can rest assured that He has beheld every transition in the spirit. Those seeds that have taken root in us are the

same seeds that He watches over to perform.

Those seeds are the new names and new placements in infant form. So he is watching over His word that is first implanted as a seed and He tills the soil and waters it in order to bring it to maturity. Only we can displace this treasure. We can bring darkness through depression or anger. These emotions can block the sun from shining on our tender plants. It often takes a good weeding out of negative emotions. This is often done through fasting and prayer, asking God to break up the fallow ground.

Whenever your heart has become hardened and not in a place where you are easily moved by the winds of the spirit, you are in danger. I've noticed in my life that I have made great advances in the spirit when I was alive to the promptings

of the Lord. I could cry easy when I was in a service and I was deeply touched by the moving of the supernatural presence of the Holy Spirit. There are times in a service that all I can do is weep and I'm not even sad. Other times I can't wipe the smile off of my face. Then at other times I'll notice that others are being moved on and I am not stirred. I know that God often takes us into those places of testing but at the same time I also realize that our hearts tend to coldness. The worst state of being is when you don't even care that you're not being moved upon. In these times I go back to the drawing board as it were and begin again. I don't want to be dry and stale. I don't want to be lukewarm when nothing but fire can please God.

What should have been simple to me was the fact that I needed to stop and seek God until He refreshed my soul. Somehow I missed this simple key. I

thought that it was only God who made a decision whether or not to bless us with tears or a shout. Boy was I a bit off center with that thought. Yes, there are times that the emotional response is not there because God is checking your desire to go on without that extra push, but in most cases it is hardness of heart. We don't see that the things we say, do or feel can hinder the tender seeds planted in our hearts. We can't even say how the hardness began. It was something that set us back without us even being aware until the ground is so dry it is not producing anything.

If you have gotten this far into this book it means that there is a hunger in you that is reaching out for what Paul called "the high calling of God," also called "the fullness of the stature of Jesus Christ." Yes, there are positions to be gained or lost and it takes the hunger of the believer

to go forward. It comes down to this most important ingredient, the insatiable appetite of the believer, one that will not take **no** for an answer. No roadblocks will stop that moving train. You may suffer setbacks but that hunger rises up again and again and screams, "I've got to have more of God. I must find him!"

I have found that many times in my hours of deep searching I don't feel anything. Then all of a sudden I will be somewhere and new knowledge comes to me or I feel a free worship that is so uplifting, and then I know that the seeking had yielded secret fruit.

The Lord says he builds line upon line. This building is done day by day. He calls us through hunger, just like smelling food draws us to the table. He calls on us to desire more so He can give more.

Don't you feel a stirring in your soul right now? Isn't there a fresh vision of Jesus being born before your very eyes?

We don't desire promotion for the sake of promotion. We desire it because our Father wants so badly to bestow it upon us. He is calling out to you right this very moment. He is using this book to bring you into a place of complete abandonment, a place where you say, "I don't care how foolish I look" or "I will be a fool for Christ."

Nothing in my life exceeds my desire to see his face, look upon his nature and imitate what He is. I will spend as much time in prayer and fasting and witnessing as I possibly can. It's not a matter of I can lay hold of him" but "I must lay hold of him."



Prophets and Apostles are made through time. Only God knows exactly how long John the Baptist was in the desert before he was presented before Israel. Scholars say it was some thirty years. There may not be a quick promotion but it is sure to those who love Him enough to be tender and obedient to His every call. Yes, it is a sure thing we will receive our new name if obedience is our joy.

I want His name, His nature. I know that there is a price tag but I see not gaining it as a bigger price tag. To walk in God's favor is to walk in relationship to Him as your best friend, lover of your soul and the essence of all good things. Many seek after the Lord for a better car or home. This is fleshly desire and He may honor your request but the Lord wants us to seek after the incorruptible, that which is eternal.

Beloved, reach out as a thirsty man in the desert and take hold of the living water. Once you find that special abiding place in Him, never let it go. When the way seems unclear then is the time to not only trust Him but to let Him wipe away the vapor of this life from your eyes. The Bible says that our life is a vapor that appeareth for a time and then vanishes. The life we live in the outward appearance is corruptible, but the inner life with Jesus is clean and clear and without that which is fuzzy and unattainable. It is the only thing that is not vapor. The only clear existence is in the *now time*. We are presently living in *vapor time*. It takes a place of abiding and taking on a new internal form to live in the *now time*. The word tells us that we are seated in heavenly places. How is that possible? Right now I am sitting in a chair in Washington State writing a book, but my

spirit is taking on transformation and words from the Father. I am passing it down to you. How is that done? It is done in the *now time* as we abide in the vine.

What is there about your old name and nature that you desire to hang on to? Lay it down and take up those new names that have been purchased through the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. Let Him transport you into high places. Let your name and nature be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Come into the *now time* of God. Those secret names are waiting for you!