

Our Awesome God

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I. Series Review:

A. We looked at His names to see who He is and who we are

How we see God determines what we get

2Cor 3:18 - We are transformed into the image of God as we see His glory.

Heb 12:1-2 - We run the race of faith by fixing our eyes on Jesus

B. We studied God's name in the OT through Creation and Redemption

C. We saw God's tri-unity name; Father, Son and Holy Spirit

D. What is God's name? Four times this question is asked in the Old Testament.

1. By Jacob when he wrestled with the angel and his name is changed (Gen 32:24-32);
Gen 32:29 Then Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name."
2. By Manoah to the angel announcing the birth of Samson (Judg 13:2-20);
Judg 13:17-18 Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "What is your name, so that when your words come to pass, we may honor you?"
3. By Moses at the burning bush, when he is commissioned by God (Ex 3:1-15);
Ex 3:1 "Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?"
4. The prophetic question of Agur (Pr 30:1-4);
Pr 30:4 ... What is His name or His son's name? Surely you know!

II. What God says about His name

A. The name of the Lord is:

1. Jehovah - "I AM WHO I AM"; (Ex 3:14-15)
Ex 3:14-15 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God didn't reveal Himself to the patriarchs as Jehovah.

Ex 6:3 and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name, LORD, I did not make Myself known to them.

However, He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, (Ex 3:15);

Ex 3:15 ... "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

2. Yahweh - Saboath (the LORD of hosts; or the LORD of armies) [used 239 times in the OT];
The LORD of hosts is His name (Jer 31:35; 32:18; 50:34; 51:19)
David defeated Goliath in the name of the LORD of hosts (1Sa 17:45);

Yahweh - Elohim - Saboath (the Lord, the God of hosts) [used 18 times in the OT];

Hos 12:3-6 Jacob wrestled with the angel and prevailed, he sought God's favor and found Him, even the LORD, the God of hosts, therefore, return to your God (Am 4:13; Jer 51:57)

B. His name is:

Everlasting - Isa 63:12 ;

Awesome - Ps 111:9 ;

Glorious - Isa 63:14 ;

To be remembered forever - Ps 135:13

Holy - Lk 1:49

C. God watches over His Name

1. God defends His Name:
Ps 68:4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Lift up a song for Him who rides through the deserts, Whose name is the LORD, and exult before Him. (Ex 15:3; Jer 33:2; Am 5:8; Am 9:6);

Isa 42:8 "I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, ...
2. God declares that "My name will be great among the nations," Mal 1:11
(2Sa 7:26; 1Chr 17:24; 1Ki 8:41-42; Ps 48:10).
3. He magnifies both His word and name;
Ps 138:2 I will ... give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.
4. The Levites ministered in the name of the Lord (Dt 18:7).
5. The prophets spoke (prophesied) in the name of the Lord (Jas 5:10; Ez 5:1)
6. God made a name for Himself, by delivering Israel from Egypt (Dan 9:15; Isa 63:14; Jer 32:20).
7. His name is to be proclaimed
God used Pharaoh so that His name would be proclaimed in all the earth (Ex 9:16; Rom 9:17);
God proclaimed His name to Moses (Ex 33:19; Ex 34:5);
Moses proclaimed the name of the Lord (Dt 32:3)
By David as he brought up the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem (2Sa 6:2; 1Chr 13:6).
Nehemiah blessed and proclaimed the name of the Lord (Neh 9:5);
8. God's people are called by His name

Israel: Dt 28:10 "So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will be afraid of you. (Jer 14:9; Dan 9:19)

Jeremiah; Jer 15:16 Your words were found and I ate them, And Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

Believers:
My people - 2Chr 7:14 (if) My people who are called by My name humble themselves ...
Everyone - Isa 43:7 Everyone who is called by My name, ... I have created for My glory,

Gentiles - Ac 15:17 ... ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,'

D. Sins against name the name of the Lord:

1. Don't take the name of the Lord in vain (Ex 20:7; Dt 5:11);
2. Don't profane the name of the Lord; how man profanes His name:
Lev 18:21 through offering your children to Molech
Lev 19:12 through swearing (making a vow) falsely
Lev 21:6 performing priestly duties when ceremonially unclean (Lev 22:2, 32).
Pr 30:9 through stealing
Am 2:7 through sexual sin
Mal 1:12 by not tithing
Ezk 39:7 because the nations profaned His name, they experience God's wrath
God responds in wrath - when His name is profaned (Ezk 20:9, 14, 22, 39; 36:20-23)
3. Don't blaspheme the name of the Lord; how man blasphemes His name:
Lev 24:11-16 through cursing
Isa 52:5 through idolatry (backsliding)
Rom 2:24 through religious pride
Rev 13:6 through open verbal blasphemies (Rev 16:9)

4. Don't defile the name of the Lord; how man defiles His name:
Lev 20:3 through offering your children to Molech
Ezk 43:7-8 through idolatry
5. We are to honor authority so that the name of God will not be spoken against (1Ti 6:1)

E. Promises:

1. God will not abandon us, for the sake of His name;
1Sa 12:22 "For the LORD will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because the LORD has been pleased to make you a people for Himself.
2. My people will know (the Lord) My name;
Isa 52:6 "Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore in that day I am the one who is speaking, 'Here I am.'"
3. It is sound wisdom to fear God's name;
Mic 6:9 The voice of the LORD will call to the city— And it is sound wisdom to fear Your name:
"Hear, O tribe. Who has appointed its time?"
4. People will take refuge in the name of the Lord;
Zep 3:12 "But I will leave among you a humble and lowly people, And they will take refuge in the name of the LORD.
5. The Lord will be King, and His name the only one.
Zec 14:9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.
6. We win battles as we boast in the name of the Lord our God
Ps 20:7 Some boast in chariots and some in horses, But we will boast in the name of the LORD, our God.
7. God writes His name on:
Those who overcome (Rev 3:12);
On the 144,000 (Rev 14:1);
8. For the sake of His name:
He leads and guides me (Ps. 23:3; 31:3);
He forgives sin (Ps. 25:11);
He acts on our behalf (Jos 7:9; Ezk 20:44; 39:25)

III. Jesus

A. The name of God in the ministry of Jesus Christ

1. Jesus came in His Father's name
Jn 5:43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me;"
2. Prayers of Jesus concerning God's name
Jn 12:28 "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."
Jn 17:6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.
Jn 17:11 "I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.

3. Jesus fulfills prophetic words:

#1 "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." (Ps 118:26)

Fulfilled His triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Mt 21:9; Mk 11:9; Lk 19:38; Jn 12:13);

Will be fulfilled in His triumphal return (Mt 23:39; Lk 13:35)

#2 Ps 22:22 I will tell of Your name to my brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

Heb 2:12 saying, "I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN, IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE."

4. Jesus is fulfilling the prophetic word concerning shepherding His flock.

Mic 5:4 And He will arise and shepherd His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth.

5. Jesus performed miracles in His Father's name

Jn 10:25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me.

6. Jesus kept, guarded His disciples in His Father's name

Jn 17:12 "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

B. The name of Jesus:

His name is exalted above every name

Phil 2:9-11 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

When He returns, He has a name written on His robe;

Rev 19:16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

IV. The names of God (JESUS) concerning the believer:

A. We respond in faith, we believe

1. We trust (believe) in His name

Ps 33:21 For our heart rejoices in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

Jn 2:23 many believed in His name - when He was in Jerusalem ... observing His signs which He was doing.

2. We hope (trust) in His name

Mt 12:18-21 "Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen; My Beloved in whom My soul is well-pleased; I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles. 19 "He will not quarrel, nor cry out; Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. 20 "A battered reed He will not break off, And a smoldering wick He will not put out, Until He leads justice to victory. "And in His name the Gentiles will hope." (from Isa 42:2-4)

3. We receive Him - by believing in His name

Jn 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

B. We pray "In the name of Jesus"

Jn 14:13-14 "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

Jn 15:16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

Jn 16:23-24 "In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. 24 "Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.

Jn 16:26 "In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf;

C. The name of Jesus in the ministry of the church

1. We do miracles "In the name of Jesus"

Mk 16:17 "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;

Ac 4:30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."

2. We heal the sick "In the name of Jesus"

Ac 3:6 Peter heals the lame man. (Ac 4:10, 30)

Jas 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

3. We cast out devils (Mk 16:17; Lk 10:17; Ac 16:18;)

Jewish exorcists couldn't use His name (Ac 19:11-17)

4. We baptize

Mt 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

There are 6 references of the disciples baptizing in the book of Acts. They always baptized in the name of Jesus (Ac 2:38; 8:16; 10:47-48; 16:14-15; 16:31-34; 19:1-5)

5. We preach

Repentance for forgiveness of sins proclaimed in His name (Lk 24:47).

The disciples are commanded to "no longer speak to any man in this name (Ac 4:17-18; 5:28).

Paul's was called to "bear My name" (Ac 9:15)

and to "speak boldly in the name of the Lord" (Ac 9:27-28).

D. The name of Jesus in the life of the church

1. We meet (gathered together) with other believers.

Mt 18:20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

2. We give thanks (praise) "In the name of Jesus"

Eph 5:20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; (Col 3:17; Heb 13:15)

We glory (praise and worship) in His name! (1Chr 16:10);

We hallow (to fear) His name (Mt 6:9; Lk 11:2).

“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.’”

We are to fear and honor His awesome name (Dt 28:58)

3. We set up our banners in the name of our God
Ps 20:5 We will sing for joy over your victory, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.
4. We walk in the name of the Lord
Mic 4:5 Though all the peoples walk each in the name of his god, As for us, we will walk In the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

Zec 10:12 “And I will strengthen them in the LORD, and in His name they will walk,”
5. Whatever we do - in word or deed, - do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, (Col 3:17).
For His namesake -
We endure and persevere - (Rev 2:3)
Men have even risked their lives for His name (Ac 15:26)

D. Results (blessings) of believing in His name

1. Salvation comes;
To those who receive Him - are given the right to become children of God (Jn 1:12).

To all who call on the name of the Lord - shall be saved (Ac 2:21; 4:12; Rom 10:13; Mt 12:21)
God saves (takes for Himself) the Gentiles (household of Cornelius) - for his name (Ac 15:14).
2. We have (eternal) life - by believing that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God
(Jn 20:31; 1 Jn 5:13)
3. We receive forgiveness of sins, (Ac 10:43; Lk 24:47; Ac 22:16; 1Jn 2:12)
4. We were washed, sanctified and justified
1 Cor 6:11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. (1Cor 1:2)
5. We no longer will be judged - by believing in the name of the Son of God (Jn 3:18)
6. We receive perseverance (Rev 2:3)
7. There is protection in the name of the Lord (Pr 18:10);
Pr 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe.