

The Authority of a Believer.

Protection in The Name of Jesus

Part III (Home Church Notes)

Proverbs 18:10

***“The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are safe.”***

Psalm 9:9–10

The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

As we look at this lovely Psalm which I class as the Psalm of Protection, just in the first 2 verses of the Psalm you have 4 names of God used.

Remember I said that Jesus the Son of God took on all the Nature and Attributes of God his father, so every attribute of God found in God's names is found in Jesus' name.

Psalm 91:1-2

***1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.***

***2 I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust.”***

Each of the names of God has a divine attribute, and understanding and believing that He is each attribute will cause that attribute to flow into our lives.

The first name of God mentioned in Psalm 91 is “Most High” (Elyon), which means He is the Most High God and there is no one higher than Him. He is the possessor of heaven and earth (Gen. 14:19).

The verse goes on to refer to God as the “Almighty.” In Hebrew, it is **Shaddai—the God who blesses you with more than enough, more than you**

can contain. Man has limitations but we have a God who is abundantly unlimited.

Now, the second verse of Psalm 91 contains another two names of God. Isn't this so powerful?

When the psalmist declares, "I will say of the LORD," he is referring to Yehovah or Yahweh, the covenant-keeping God. It is the holiest name of the Lord, the name Jewish scribes treat with great reverence.

Do you know that Jesus' name in Hebrew, Yeshua, actually means "Yahweh saves"? It is not "Yahweh judges" or "Yahweh condemns." The name Jesus means "Yahweh SAVES."

If you are broke, Yahweh saves.

If you are sick, Yahweh saves.

If you have enemies that are coming against you, Yahweh saves.

Whatever saving you need, Jesus is the answer, for His name means "Yahweh saves." Hallelujah!

The psalmist in verse 2 goes on to say, "My God, in Him I will trust." Now, the word "God" here refers to Elohim, the God of power, the Creator. The God who created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1). This is our God! He is the One we put our trust in.

In just two verses, you find four names of God mentioned. Knowing, believing, and saying He is all these to us gives us protection in our everyday situations. He will deliver and rescue the one who knows His name. Hallelujah!

Conclusion:

Do you need protection? You can find it in the Name of Jesus.

Jesus' Name carries all the attribute that the Names of God carry in one man.

Colossians 1:18-19

"18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,"

Colosians 2:9-10

“9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.”

DBS Section:

Read Proverbs 18:10 and Psalm 91

Read them in 2 different translations.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is some of the protection the Lord offers us in Psalm 91, and how can you interpret that into our 21st century world?
2. What are some other attributes of God and His name that can be found in Jesus?
3. Do you have any testimonies of God's protection?
4. Now that you know this, what will you do differently?
5. Who can you share this with?

The Authority of a Believer. Power in The Name of Jesus

Part I (Sunday Morning Notes 08/10/2023)

Over and over again in Scripture we read, "In my name," "In Jesus' name," or "In his name."

There is no magical power in the name of Jesus—there is only power in Jesus Christ, Himself.

Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus is the "Son of God" and the "Son of Man".

I am what I was, I was not what I am now, but now I am called both.

The Son of God

The Son of Man

Called both.

The word son does not refer to the fact of origin from a previous source, although that is true of "Son of Man", The word Son refers to the sharing of the same nature and the fulfilling of a particular task or role.

John 5:16-18

"16 So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. 17 In his defense Jesus said to them, 'My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.' 18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God."

The bible declares that Jesus Christ is both the Son of Man and the Son of God equally.

To be the Son of God means he has divine nature and attributes. So all the divine nature and attributes that God the Father has, Jesus has as well.

He was from the beginning of time, he is omnipresent, omnipotent, all powerful, all knowing...

Jesus is not just the Son of God, He is the Son of Man so all the nature and attributes of man are present in Jesus.

He got hungry, he had to sleep, he had to walk everywhere he was going. He cried, and he got tired, if he fell he would hurt himself....

The only part of man that Jesus did not take on was the sinful nature, because it was never really meant to be in man.

But because every man had a sinful nature to them and Jesus had to be without sin, he needed the Holy Spirit to put God's seed in Mary making Mary pregnant and the Holy Spirit protected Mary's baby so that the sinful nature would not enter into the baby.

Just as the Holy Spirit oversaw the writing to scriptures making sure that everything that needed to be in there was in there and anything that didn't need to be in there was not put in there, so the Holy Spirit oversaw the birth of Jesus.

He is called the only begotten son. John 3:16

Only begotten means, uniquely one of a kind, a class all by Himself, nobody like Him. There is only one of Him, that is why you can't have multiply messiahs. That's why you can't have multiple deities.

God only had one, one of a kind son, and that son is both Son of God and Son of Man.

The question you might be asking is why? Why the two natures in this one man?

The reason why is because God has only one plan. His plan is His Kingdom.

His Kingdom is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Kingdom of Heaven

God the Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit had a Kingdom in heaven and then they wanted to see that Kingdom replicated somewhere else and decided to choose the 3rd planet from the sun to put some Human beings who are created a little less than the angels who are created beings.

He made the Human being and gave us all authority here on earth. We had dominion and were to subdue the earth, multiply and glorify the glory of God to cover the earth.

But then there was Satan who had been cast out of heaven who went into the garden, entered into a serpent and deceived Eve by twisting what God had said.

“Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

Then she ate the fruit and Adam ate the fruit as well, but it was at that moment that the authority which God had given to us as humans was handed over to Satan because we disobeyed God and rather sinned against Him.

Redemption Plan:

The Lord in His mercy did not want to leave the earth in this state but makes a redemption plan and says that He will come down in the form of a man and pay the price of sin and restore that authority back to man.

So Jesus comes back as the son of Man and humbles himself to the point of death, death on the cross, so that man can receive forgiveness for their sin once and for all and enter into that Kingdom of Heaven which God designed for man right from the beginning.

Posture for Entering into that authority and the Kingdom of Heaven:

The Posture in which we enter into this Kingdom is a posture of Humility.

It is an upside down kingdom. You don't enter it by getting richer and more important or famous, you enter it by dying to self and humbling ourselves.

Hebrews 2:5-9

“5 It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.

6 But there is a place where someone has testified:

**‘What is mankind that you are mindful of them,
a son of man that you care for him?**

**7 You made them a little lower than the angels;
you crowned them with glory and honour**

8 and put everything under their feet.”

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. 9 But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.”

Philippians 2:5-11

“5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing

**by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.**

8 And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

**by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!**

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Paul here in his writing to the Philippian church is telling them how Jesus received the highest name ever.

By humbling himself.

Paul actually starts this chapter by encouraging the believers to humble themselves

Philippians 2:1-4

“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

We can't approach this authority and power from an arrogant or selfish perspective, or we will not receive anything we ask for.

Conclusion:

So this morning I really felt the Lord impressing on me not to focus on the power or authority that we have in the Name of Jesus, but rather on the posture that we need to have to fully partake in the divine nature that Jesus has given us.

What is the posture of our heart meant to be when we think about the Authority and power that God has made available to us?

There is no doubt we as believers have been given authority over all things in the name of Jesus. We can stand before devils and kings and have authority over them, but if we come with the wrong heart or wrong attitude then we will have missed it all.

When Jesus came to earth, all the disciples and all the Jews were expecting an earthly king who would free them from the Roman rule, but Jesus said His kingdom is not of this world.

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Part II (Sunday Evening Notes 08/10/2023)

John 16:23-24

“23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”

25 “Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”

John 14: 9-14

“9 Jesus answered: ‘Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father? 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

This is Jesus' promise.

We see this Happen the moment the Holy Spirit is poured out on the 120 in the upper room.

The very next day Peter and John are going to the temple and they see a lame man there and

Acts 3:4-

"4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, 'Look at us!'" 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

6 Then Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.'" 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong."

Peter heals the man in the name of Jesus.

Peter preached a message to those who were there and the Bible says the church increased to about 5000 believers.

But then they are arrested and asked in whose name did you do this miracle.

Acts 4:7

"7 They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?'"

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. 11 Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.'

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

Some things to note about the name of Jesus:

- 1. The devils were powerless because of his name** (Luke 10:17 “**17** The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”).
- 2. The demons are cast out in His name** (Mark 16:17-18 “**17** And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; **18** they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”).
- 3. Healing occurred in his name** (Acts 3:6 “**6** Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”, 3:16, 4:10).
- 4. Salvation comes in his name** (Acts 4:12 “**12** Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”; Rom 10:13 “**13** for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”).
- 5. We are to baptise in his name** (Matt. 28:19 “**19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”).
- 6. We are justified in his name** (1 Cor. 6:11 “But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”).
- 7. Everything we do and say is done in his name** (Col. 3:17 “**17** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”).

But, it is praying in Jesus' name that I want to bring to the forefront. Jesus has invited, urged, and commanded us to pray in his name and has promised incredible results

Conclusion:

Colossians 1:15-23

***“15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. 21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of [g] your evil behaviour. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.*”**