

TOPIC : THE NAME OF JESUS

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SUMMARY OF MESSAGE

The Israelites failed to possess the Promised Land, wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. Eventually, they managed to enter the Promised Land but it was not without putting up a fight.

God wants us to enter into our promised land. What is our promised land? What is our inheritance? In simple terms, they are in the divine exchange. Jesus was made poor so that we might become rich; become the righteousness of God. Our promised land is to believe and receive. It's as simple as that. It's the same with our salvation and eternal life. It's about believing and receiving, confessing and receiving it. Truth is more caught than taught. Each name of God is an aspect of God's grace that is immediately available for the believer.

INTRODUCTION

Living a victorious life is not free of struggles. Do you think that what happened to Job could happen to you today? We need to be clear. Otherwise, we can live in fear and fumble and get into trouble.

John 16:23

And in that day you will **ask** Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you **ask** the Father **in My name** He will give you.

The verse says 'in that day...'. Which day does it refer to? It refers to the second coming of Jesus. When He is with us, there is no need to ask Him anything.

John 14:12-14

12"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who **believes** in Me, the **works** that **I do**, **he will do also**; and greater works than these **he will do**, because I go to My Father.

He who believes (present tense), the works that He does, he will do also. This is not only for the elders or leaders but for every believer. What is a believer? He is someone who believes and acts. When we are in connection with the Father, our prayers will be heard. We pray and end in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this new age, there is relativism, syncretism, etc. Prayers are offered to the gods out there. We have to be specific regarding to whom we pray to. Whatever we ask in His name, He will do it.

4 APPLICATIONS

Application #1 - Ask by faith, for the Salvation of our unsaved loved-ones in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

Look up the sample prayer given. We will have confidence that our prayer will be answered. God is not impressed with how long we pray if there is no faith. In James 5:17, we are told that Elijah prayed earnestly. How did he do that? In 1 Kings 17, Elijah told the king that there shall not be rain except at his word. 'At his word' is described as praying earnestly by James. God does not respond to needs per se but to faith (Heb 11:6). We need to understand that prayer post-Calvary is different from prayer pre-Calvary. We are having a better covenant. There are 2 mountains why people are not saved.

#1. Deal with the Hindrance (evil one)

Conversion is a spiritual warfare. John 1:12, 13, Acts 26:18. People need to be transferred from darkness to light. It is a spiritual conflict. There is deception and burdens to deal with and to be done with warfare prayer.

#2. Deal with the Heart (Relationship)

Next, deal with the heart of the person. People are hurt and they may even be stumbled by believers. Offences have blocked their openness to the gospel. In Luke 10, Jesus gives a methodology, telling us to go and eat and have fellowship with the people. If there is a felt need, we pray for them. When they are ready, we share the gospel.

Let's now move on to prayer.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

3But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, **4whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe**, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Let's look at a sample prayer:

Father God,

In the Name of Jesus we call on You, and ask for Your mercy and Your grace. (Exodus 34:6)
Lord, You said in Your Word that You have no delight in the death of the wicked.
(Ezekiel 33) You said in Your Word that You are not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, to the saving grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
(2 Peter 3:9)

Today Lord, we cry to You, for the salvation of our loved ones. Today Lord, we cry to You, for the return of our loved ones who have wandered away from You.

Lord, we bring these names to You ... [On your own, call out the names, name them before the Lord. Name every loved one - relative and friend before the Lord.]

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we come against every scheme of the evil one directed at our loved-ones. (2 Corinthians 4:3-6) In Jesus' name, we speak to every spirit of deception - get your hands off our loved-ones! (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

In the Name of Jesus, we break your stronghold over their lives. You have no more hold over them. In the Name of Jesus, loose your hands over them. We apply the Blood of Jesus over the life of our loved-ones. (Exodus 12:22-23) We humbly ask of You, Father God to pour Your Spirit upon them - that they will see, that they will have revelation, that they will have illumination, that they will know that Salvation is only in the Name of the Lord Jesus. (Joel 2:28-29)

In Jesus' Name, we break every argument, we tear down every high thing. (2 Corinthians 10:3) We break every stronghold in their lives that block the true knowledge of God and we declare in Jesus' Name, that they shall be saved even according to Your Word. (Acts 16:31) Lord, You said You are looking for a righteous man, a righteous woman. (Ezekiel 22:30; Jeremiah 5:1) And we stand here Lord, as righteous men, as righteous women by the Blood of Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:21) We thank You Lord for the gift of righteousness that enable us to come before You and call on You. (Romans 5:17) We ask of You, Jesus, our Apostle and the High Priest of our confession, to intervene in the lives of all these, our dear ones. (Hebrews 3:1)

And we pray Father, that You help us to connect with them. You will help each of us to bless them, to fellowship with them. And that You will use us as Your instruments as You anoint us with the Holy Spirit to meet their felt needs. (Luke 10:5-10) And Lord we pray that You will put Your Word in our minds, in our hearts and in our mouths to share the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with them at the right moments. We pray for divine appointments and divine connections with them. (1 Peter 3:15) Help us O Lord. Thank You Lord, for hearing our prayers. Give us Your grace and Your strength, O Lord. For we pray all these in Jesus' Name.

John 16:23

And **in that day** you will **ask¹** Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you **ask²** the Father in My name He will give you.

The word, "ask" in the above verse may be broken down as follows:

The Greek word of the first word, "ask¹" is "erotaho", i.e. "Request, desire, beseech,"

The Greek word for the latter "ask²" is 'Aiteo', i.e. "Command, Demand, Require, Call For"

God says in Isaiah 45:11, "Command ye Me.." He wants us to go to Him in confidence and to do so specifically. We cannot be going to God and being superfluous regarding our expectations of His answer, i.e., being indifferent be the answer be "yes" or "no". We need to be deliberate, no ambiguity, no vagueness. With confidence and faith, we need to be deliberate and intentional. The key to having answered prayer and receiving joy is to pray specifically.

Application #2 - Ask by faith, in confidence, to receive the **Grace** that we need in our lives in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

All of us have needs everyday. We got worries and anxieties. What do we do about them?

Philippians 4:6-7

6Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your **requests** be made known to God; **7**and the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come **boldly** to the **throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy and **find grace** to help in time of need.

The throne is a throne of grace, not judgment. God has to be found. He wants us to seek Him for the grace we need. For Job, it is the grace for protection. In the time of King Hezekiah, he wanted to restore temple worship. Many people who gathered were not sanctified and yet they ate the Passover. King Hezekiah prayed for them and the Lord listened to him and healed the people. (2Chron 30:18-20) For Job, because of what he did, love covered a multitude of sins. We cover the weakest link in the family. We pray to receive grace for protection. We pray for hedge of protection (Job 1:10), a hedge of thorns (Hosea 2:6), a wall of fire around our children. (Zech 2:5). As in Ex 12:23, we appropriate the Blood of Christ to line up the routes, the steps we take and to draw the Blood line. It is all about believing and receiving. It's about the believer who aligns his thinking to the scriptures.

Below are some other examples of grace we need:

*studies	*good weather	*peace	*blessing
*Wisdom	*healing	*finances	*favor
*provision	*work	*relationships	*looking after the aged

Application #3

Ask by faith in Jesus' Name for **healing** and also to **heal** the sick.

What did Jesus call the twelve to do?

Mark 3:14-18

14Then He **appointed** twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might **send them out** to preach, **15**and to have power to **heal sicknesses** and to cast out demons:

And these **signs** will follow those who **believe: In My name** they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues ... They will **lay hands on the sick** and **they will recover**.

“**Recover**” means recover. For some, it may take hours, days or weeks. It is not necessarily immediate.

Luke 4:39

So He stood over her and **rebuked the fever**, and **it left her**. And immediately she arose and served them.

Here in Luke, there was no prayer done. Jesus didn't pray to the Father. He addressed the fever directly. To rebuke is to speak very sternly.

For those struggling to be healed, first know that there is no condemnation. It is not about lacking faith, not about having sins. Rather, always seek the Lord. Respond to the altar call. Do all you can on the medical front and all you can on the spiritual front. After due season and still not healed, live on the grace that is sufficient for you.

Application #4 -

Ask by faith in Jesus' Name to **Resist** the evil one.

God doesn't resist the evil one for us. Just before crossing the Red Sea, God asked Moses to lift up his rod and stretch out his hand over the sea and divide it. Moses was to stop crying to God and to use what was given him. As believers, we are given authority and power.

James 4:6-7

6But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." **7**Therefore submit to God. **Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**

Here is a methodology:

- 1) Humble self before the Lord
- 2) Submit to Jesus
- 3) Resist the evil one.

For our homes, we can welcome the presence of God. We can let conversations in the house be God-honoring. We draw near to God for His blessing. For the Aaronic blessing, we have to receive in the spirit otherwise it bounces off.

1 Peter 5:8-9a

8Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. **9Resist him, steadfast in the faith ...**

If fear comes to our mind, we resist it. By 2 Tim 1:7 we declare, "In Jesus' name, you spirit of fear, get out."

Luke 4:35-36

35But Jesus **rebuked him**, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the **demon** had thrown him in their midst, it **came out** of him and did not hurt him.

Jesus rebuked the fever, He also rebuked the evil one.

Luke 4:35-36

36Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, “**What a word** this is! For with **authority and power** He **commands** the unclean spirits, and they come out.”

God wants all of us to do the same works.

Next, we are to learn to minister as a priest and a king.

Revelation 1:5-6

5and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **6**and has **made us kings and priests** to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

There is a 3-fold office: prophet, king and priest. Jesus came with having the 3-fold office in Him. In the new covenant, as believers, we have these offices in us.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

As priest, we pray. The word ‘royalty’ is not a gender word for males only. There is authority and power in the words of a king.

Ecclesiastes 8:4

Where the word of a king is, there is **power**; and who may say to him, “What are you doing?”

Esther could go into the king’s presence when the king raised the scepter. There is power with the king. A king issues commands. We need to speak and rebuke directly the sickness or the mountain in the name of Jesus. Speaking to the mountain is not speaking to God but done as a king issuing a command and rebuking the mountain.

Can we speak to trees? Gen 1:26, 28. We have authority and power over every living thing. Someone had a pool which leaked. He prayed over it and the leakage stopped. You shall have whatever you ask (Mark 11:23-24).

Mark 11:23-24 (NIV)

23I tell you the truth, if anyone **says** to this **mountain**, “go throw yourself into the sea”, and does **not doubt** in his heart but **believes** that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. **24**Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

As kings, we speak to the **Mountain**. As you speak to the mountain, you must not **Doubt**. **Doubting** comes when a thought, idea, picture, belief comes into our heart in the **opposite** direction of our faith in God, thus nullifying our authority. Doubt is like a horse pulling a wagon in one direction with another horse pulling in the opposite direction. Where there is doubt, the wagon will not move. The faith is cancelled by the doubt – unbelief.

We have a measure of faith. We need to grow our faith and starve our doubt. To starve our doubt, we must decrease the influence of the world which ridicules our faith. We have to cut fellowship with them. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Heb 11:6. We grow our faith by hearing the Word of God. Rom 10:17

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

When we focus our attention on God, on His Word and promises and listen to testimonies, our faith rises. Our faith is a rational faith. We discern what is of man and what is of God.

Jesus could not do many miracles in his hometown because of unbelief.

Mark 6:5-6

5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. **6** And He marveled because of their **unbelief** ...

The unbelief affected the atmosphere of the hometown. We need to pray before, during and after a service. Before a service starts, it is good to welcome Jesus and open our hearts to Him.

CONCLUSION

Genesis 4:26b

... at that time, men began to call on the name of the LORD.

We need to build our altar to the LORD.

We have the powerful name of the Lord Jesus. Let's arise as priests and kings. Let's believe and speak forth the Word with authority!

Let's us call on the name of the Lord Jesus!

End.

4) How do we pray for healing or for a mountain to be removed?

5) Share other things gleaned from the message.

No condemnation, no comparison, no competition but only encouragement ...