

## BFF373 The Name of Jesus

**Scott Moore:** Welcome to "The Building Faith Families" podcast with Steve Demme. I'm your host, Scott Moore. Thanks for joining us today.

Good morning, Steve. How are you today?

**Steve:** I'm well. How are you?

**Scott:** Good. I'm blessed beyond belief.

**Steve:** Amen. To all of those who have been praying for Scott, Jen, little Henry, and the whole package out there, and have graciously not only prayed for them, but given to them, a big thank you. You're awesome.

**Scott:** Yes, indeed. Thank you. They're going to be moving here in a few weeks. Perhaps the beginning of September. Abby, William, and Henry are all coming to Cincinnati since he starts a new clerkship here then.

**Steve:** May God bless them. We went through similar difficulties with Johnny. We didn't have as many strains and stresses as you did. He was in and out of the hospital for a year, but not four straight months.

**Steve:** Today, we're going to talk about the name of Jesus. I'm surprised that it's come this far down in the list. When you're talking about spiritual warfare you normally begin with the blood of Jesus and the name of Jesus.

When you say the blood of Jesus, you're talking about His death. You're talking about His sacrifice and what He did to not only pardon our sins, but to break the power of the devil over our lives. It's more than just saying the blood of Jesus as if it's some magical expression. It's the same with the name of Jesus. His name is His essence.

God is absolutely consistent. He is His word and His deeds, His walk and His talk, His character and His name. It's all one package. As you're talking about God's name, you're talking about God Himself. You're talking about everything that makes up God. One of the 10 commandments is that you don't take His name in vain. This is not a common name. It is a holy name. Jesus. Note how do we begin the prayer that He gave to His disciples to pray? Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Let's just try a little differently to get the full benefit, "Our Father in heaven, may Your name be set apart as holy." Let's pray in His name now before we go any further.

Father, thank you for teaching us Your name. Thank you that with the help of Your Spirit and the sacrifice of Your Son and Your loving providence, you've brought us to the place where we love Your name. We know Your name and we reverence Your name.

We say along with all the other disciples, may Your name be set apart as holy. Help us today to get a better appreciation of Your name, a better sense of who You are, because that's why we're here, to know You, to love You, to worship You, and to extend Your kingdom in Your name. In Jesus name. Amen.

**Scott:** Amen.

**Steve:** Psalm 145:1–2, "I will extol You my God and king and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever." This is a powerful verse that brings together the fact that God in His name is the same thing. One of my studies focuses on God's name. I give thanks to His name and I praise His name.

Do you recall what we forgot to do last time, Scott? We forgot to sing. We normally begin by coming into His presence with singing.

**Steve:** Think about one of the grandest songs in Christendom, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." It's a powerful song. In fact, I know some people that won't even sing it sitting down. They stand up.

We're going to be doing a lot of singing and standing in eternity. We're not going to get tired of it. We're going to enjoy worshipping because this is what we were created to do, to praise Him. I'm not going to sing, but I do want to set the tone.

In my approach to God through Psalm 100, I also praise His name. Normally I read a scripture and I praise His name based on that scripture. For example, "We bless and affectionately praise Your name," (Psalm 100:4)

Another passage is "I will proclaim the name of Jehovah, ascribe greatness to our God." (Deuteronomy 32:3) Then I will say, "Praise You, Jehovah, bless Your name forever and ever."

I go through similar passages. Psalm 20:7, "Some trust in and boast of chariots, some of horses, but we will trust in and boast of the name of Jehovah our God."

Jeremiah 10:6, "There is none like You O Jehovah. You are great and great is Your name." Bless You Jehovah, praise Your name.

I find that when I start with making a joyful sound, this clears the air. Next I give thanks to some aspect of God's character. I praise Him for who He is and not just all that He's accomplished, I sing. This is a wonderful way to start your devotions each morning. It's very rich.

I see the wisdom of God's order. Its as if He is saying, "If you want to come into My presence, come into My presence with singing. Enter into My courts with praise. Give thanks and bless His name. This approach does something to your spirit to be focused on God and not all the things that you want to talk to God about.

His name is also a great place to find shelter. Psalm 91:14–16, "Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him. I will set him securely on high because he has known My name. He will call upon Me and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will rescue him and honor him with long life. I will satisfy him and let him see My salvation."

We read Psalm 91 a lot during COVID. We suspected the whole world was going to die of a plague so we take refuge in His name. We draw near to God and are trusting God to keep us in His name.

John 17:11–12, Jesus' sublime prayer to His Father before He was crucified. "I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world and I am coming to You holy Father,

keep them in Your name, which You have given Me that they may be one even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction that the scripture might be fulfilled."

His name is a high tower, it's a place of refuge. Satisfy your soul in how much God loves us and what He's given us in His name.

Malachi 1:11, "From the rising of the sun to its setting, My name will be great among the nations and in every place will be offered to My name and a pure offering, for My name will be great among the nations, says Jehovah of hosts."

Now, that's a promise that we can mix faith with and say, "Father, You said that Your name would be great among the nations and we ask You to make it great now."

Psalm 54:6, "With a free-will offering, will I sacrifice unto You. I will give thanks to Your name, O Jehovah for it is good." Our own salvation is tied to His name.

Romans 10:13, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

John 1:12, "To all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave authority to become children of God."

Acts 4:10–12, "Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him, this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1 Corinthians 6:11, I really like this verse. It brings a lot of things together. "You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God." When we first came to Christ, we believed in Him, we confessed His name and then we were baptized in His name.

Peter's sermon at Pentecost in Acts 2:38, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:18–20, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I've commanded you. Behold I am with you always to the end of the age."

"Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." When I pray for God to bless my food or when I generally pray, I pray in Jesus' name.

I have children in different denominations, and they will often pray in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. I like it.

His presence is experienced, "Where two or three are gathered in **My Name**, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:20)

Now, let's mention warfare verses because this is still part of our warfare series. Jesus sent out a whole bunch of His disciples and gave them different directions in Matthew and in Luke.

Luke 10:17, "The 72 returned with joy saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.'" That's how they cast out demons.

When we are operating in His name, we're clothed in Him, we're in Him. In Your name we cast out demons, not our own name, in His name.

Consider Peter, talking to that man who was asking to be healed. "Silver and gold have I none, but what I have, I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." (Acts 3:6)

The disciples prayed in Acts 4:29–30, "Grant to Your servants to continue to speak Your word with all boldness while You stretch out Your hand to heal and signs and wonders are performed through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."

Acts 16:18, I think we may have read this one once. Paul was being accosted by a person with an evil spirit. This woman was worth a lot of money to the Ephesian. "She kept doing this for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her, and it came out that very hour.'" Boom.

I love these next two passages. "Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9–11)

There will be a day when every knee is going to bow, every tongue is going to confess that Jesus is Lord. Everyone is going to acknowledge, they're going to admit, they're going to give God the praise and say, "You are the king of kings and Lord of lords and in Your name we are bowing today and acknowledging this fact."

When I read that, I think of Romans 10:9–10, the TNT verse with the power. "If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart, a person believes resulting in righteousness and with the mouth he confesses resulting in salvation.

Continuing in verses 11–13, "For the scripture says, 'Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame or disappointed, for there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, but the same Lord is Lord of all abounding in riches for all who call on Him for whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

There's going to be a whole bunch of people, billions, when it's all said and done calling upon the name of Jesus for salvation. Isn't that a rich compilation of scripture? Now, you have the opportunity to tell me the ones that I forgot.

**Scott:** Wow, I don't know, but it is powerful. I'm thinking that we have so little concept for the power of a name in our culture nowadays that...I mean, you get it a little bit when you think about it. Just hearing the name of someone, even some great athlete,

or some great world leader, or whatever, you hear their name and it's like, "Oh, they're an important person or whatever."

Imagine all the important names through history that struck fear into the hearts of their enemies, every one of them is going to bow at the name of Jesus.

**Steve:** Yes. No exceptions.

**Scott:** In history, if you were traveling under the name of the king through hostile territory, his name, or his seal, would protect you. I think we've barely brushed the concept of what the name means. Jesus gives us His name and calls us heirs with Him. It's huge and it's got power. Obviously, we've just been reading it. There's so much power throughout the spiritual realm and in the physical realm in His name.

**Steve:** Well, I don't know about you, but if I was the enemy, I would try to get people to not use the name of Jesus.

**Scott:** Or turn it into a cuss word.

**Steve:** When I watch movies, I cringe when people take His name in vain. I hope I never lose the cringe because it is a holy name. A special name. That's His name. God save us and help us to appreciate His name.

You remember one of the benefits of being a priest. God has called us to be a kingdom of priests, a royal priesthood. In this role we have the opportunity to bless others. We have the privilege of blessing Him. We have the joy of fighting with Him. Let's just not talk about His name. Let's pray and then we're going to end up with a benediction to God's people and to God Himself.

Father, thank You for Your name. Thank You that You revealed it to us. Thank You that we can't even say Jesus is Lord except by the Spirit. We know that we are all works of grace. Thank You, Spirit of God, for working in our hearts.

Help us to appreciate Your name. Help us to hallow it. Help us to believe in it in a fresh way. Thank You for baptizing us in Your name. Thank You for keeping us in Your name, just like You did the disciples when Jesus was praying.

We pray in the name of Jesus. We bind the strong man today. In the name of Jesus, we fight against the foes arrayed against that name. In Jesus' name, we prevail. We know that when He comes back, He's going to have a name. In that name, every knee is going to bow. Every tongue is going to confess. We're believing for that to happen today.

We're expressing faith in Your name. We're expressing faith in Your power. We're lining up with You. We want to be known by those who are believers in Jesus, followers of Jesus, and we gladly bear Your name. We are Christ's followers. We are believers in Jesus. We are magnifiers of Jehovah. In that name, I trust that You help us now to bless the people of God.

"Jehovah bless you and keep you. Jehovah make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. "So shall they put My name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them." (Numbers

6:24–27) Father, put Your name on Your people today. Bless us and help us to follow closely. We bless You.

Psalm 113:2–3, "Blessed be the name of Jehovah from this time forth and forevermore. From the rising of the sun and to the going down of the same. Jehovah's name is praised." Let us be among those who are praisers of God in His name. Hallelujah. Amen.

**Scott:** Amen. That's our show for this week, folks. Thanks for joining us for the "Building Faith Families" podcast with Steve Demme. If you have a question for the show, email Steve at [spdemme@gmail.com](mailto:spdemme@gmail.com). If you have a question for me, you can reach me at [scott@unsocializedmedia.com](mailto:scott@unsocializedmedia.com). Thanks for joining us. Have a great week.