

# THE NAME AND WORD OF GOD

## THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD

### Jesus is the Living Word

John 1:1 - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

John 1:14 - *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Rev. 19:13 - *He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.*

### Jesus speaks of the Power of the Written Word

Matt. 4:4 - *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*

- Jesus quotes the Scriptures.
- Jesus points to the fulfillment of Scriptures.
- The Scriptures are wisdom for all of us.

Prov. 5:1 - *My son, pay attention to my wisdom, turn your ear to my words of insight,<sup>2</sup> that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.*

Psalms 119:105, 107 - *Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. ... I have suffered much; preserve my life, LORD, according to your word.*

### Jesus speaks of the Truth of the Written Word

John 17:17 - *Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.*

- Adam and Eve – Matt. 19
- Jonah – Matt. 12
- Noah and the Flood – Matt. 24
- The Patriarchs and David
- The Prophets

Matt. 5:17-18 - *"<sup>17</sup> Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth*

*disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”*

## **The Name of God**

**The name of God is One but many characteristics, descriptions, attributes, titles**

### **THE POWER OF THE NAME OF GOD**

John 17:6 **NASB**

*“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.”*

- The word "name" here includes the attributes or character of God. Jesus had made known his character, his law, his will, his plan of mercy - or, in other words, he had revealed God to them
- Revealed your word / manifested your name
- John 1:18 - *No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.*
- John 17:11-12 - *“<sup>11</sup> Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.<sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me.”*

#### **The Father’s Name is the Son’s Name**

- Name = onoma: a name, authority, cause
  - name, character, fame, reputation
- The power of YOUR name – the name You gave ME
- In Thy name (Through Thy name)
  - And if the term name be taken to denote God himself and his perfections, it means "keep in the knowledge of thyself. Preserve them in obedience to thee and to thy cause. Suffer them not to fall away from thee and to become apostates."
  - Jesus is Yahweh (Jehovah)

John 14:8-10 - <sup>8</sup> Philip said, *“Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”* <sup>9</sup> 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’?”* <sup>10</sup> 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.*

### **The Name that Protects**

- By the power of the Name
- Protection is
  - *phulassó*: to guard, watch
  - I am on my guard,
  - God is on His guard for you

*2 Thess. 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.*

### **Protection from the enemy**

*Col. 2:13-15 - <sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

### **Protection from death**

*Heb. 2:14-15 - <sup>14</sup> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

### **Protection from the world**

*2 Corinthians 4:8-9 - <sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup> We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.*

### **The Name that unites**

*Ephesians 4:1-6 - <sup>1</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

Distinction and Devotedness – Not Discord

Unity and United - not Uniformity

### **Challenge**

- Trust in the power of the Word of God.
- Trust in the power of the Name of God.
- Set a daily time aside to place God at the center and at the first of your day.

Bags –

- A Bible Reading Plan
- A card with a verse one side and a name of God on the other
- Use the card as a book mark and contemplate the name and verse throughout the year.
- Spend some time researching the deeper meaning behind the name of God that you are given.