



POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS

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Shortly after the day of Pentecost, Peter and John went up to the temple for prayer. A lame man, who had been in this condition from birth and had to be carried everywhere, was begging for money at the gate of the temple.

He asked them for money and Peter looking intently at him said, "Look at us."

He looked at them expecting to receive money.

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.**"

Peter then took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

He began walking, leaping and praising God.

Obviously everybody was amazed. After Peter explained that the Jews had killed Jesus, whom Peter described as the Prince of life who had been raised from the dead, Peter said, "**And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong**, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all." (Acts 3:16.)

This is power in the name of Jesus. God described it, at the time of Jesus' baptism as, "His Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased."

Many of us pray in a very casual way, "In the name of Jesus." But we do not realise the tremendous power that is with that very name. **It is the power of heaven itself. He is described as, "Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace". (Isaiah 9:6-7). He is God with us. (Isaiah 9:7-14.)**

Only a few days earlier Peter and the disciples had fellowshiped for 40 days with the risen Christ. They had seen Him rise into heaven and had followed His instruction to wait in Jerusalem until they received power from high.

Then on the day of Pentecost the power of the Holy Spirit fell upon them in a mighty way. They were filled with faith about the name of Jesus, whom they had seen risen from the dead. In addition they had the power of the Holy Spirit. From then on they saw the mighty power in the name of Jesus and through that name performed great miracles of healing and raising people from the dead.

We need to believe that the same faith in the name of Jesus is to be within us. As we pray in His name we are praying the greatest name in heaven and earth. He is God with us. We are not trying to get the sick healed or raised from the dead in our own strength. It is God with us who are doing it.

When I pray for the sick I believe that God is with me and as I submit to Him, His miraculous healing power is able to touch other people. I am not able to heal even a fly but God, Jesus in me, can do it.

God is a jealous God and will not allow the name of His Son to be abused.

The religious leaders were disturbed that the disciples talked to people and preached Jesus' resurrection from the dead. At that time 5000 men came to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Some of the disciples were arrested and Peter told those leaders that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who was crucified and whom God has raised from the dead, that the crippled man was healed. There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

The religious leaders commanded the disciples to stop using the name of Jesus. However the disciples continued to do so and were again arrested. They were commanded not to speak in the name of Jesus. Such was the fear among those religious leaders.

When I pray against demons and command them to leave in the name of Jesus there are always manifestations. This is the demons leaving in the name of Jesus.

Jesus promised that whatever we ask in His name, this He will do that the Father may be glorified in the Son (John 14:13). What a promise Jesus has made to us.

The Scripture says, "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11).

Just think about it. Every political leader every king, every despot, every dictator must one day bow to the name of Jesus Christ. Such is the power in that that name.

As we repent and are baptised in the name of Jesus we can receive forgiveness of our sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38.)

There is unlimited power in the name of Jesus. As you pray for the sick are you realising that power God has given you through that name?

When you call upon God for help in the name of Jesus you are using the greatest name that you can ever use. He is our Advocate before the throne of Grace and is listening to our prayers.

As you believe in the power of the name of Jesus and realise just who He is then you will see wonderful miracles in your own life and in the lives of others.

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