

The Wonderful Name of Jesus

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Sermon Schedule for December 2007

Dec 2 - Wonderful Counselor - Isaiah 9:6 (ends with "He Is...")

Dec 9 - Mighty God - Philippians 2:9-11

Dec 16 - Musical - "More Than A Story"

Dec 23 - Everlasting Father - Matthew 1:18-23

Dec 24 - Prince of Peace - Malachi 3:16-18

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Philippians 2:9-11

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; 11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Wonderful Counselor

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1. His Name Shall be Called

His Name – Jews do not pronounce his name but use: HaShem

but use e.g. HaShem ("The Name") or Shem HaMeforash ("the ineffable Name.")

08034 שֵׁם shem *shame* = his conspicuous renown

a primitive word [perhaps rather from 07760 through the idea of definite and conspicuous position;

AV-name 832, renown 7, fame 4, famous 3, named 3, named+07121 2, famous+07121 1, infamous+02931 1, report 1, misc 10; 864

1) name

1a) name

1b) reputation, fame, glory

1c) the Name (as designation of God)

1d) memorial, monument

What's in a name? "Shem" – conspicuous renown

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Name in Hebrew – YHWH – unspeakable Tetragrammaton



In Expressible Name

Yahweh, Jehovah, LORD

2. His Government – Lordship

Isaiah 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Lordship of Christ – first above all else, personal lordship

Falling in Love with Jesus –

Embracing His Name – take the name of Jesus with you

What To Do With The Name? (10)

Malachi 3:16-18

Then they that feared the LORD spoke often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. 17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son that serves him. 18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serves God and him that serves him not.

- ❖ **Discover it – search and find**
- ❖ **Confess it – before men**
- ❖ **Sing it – to the Lord**
- ❖ **Shout it – proclaim it boldly**
- ❖ **Write it – holy graffiti**
- ❖ **Pray it – call on his name**
- ❖ **Think on it – meditate on it**
- ❖ **Reverence it – honor it**
- ❖ **Embrace it – adopt it**

3. His Wonderful Name – Wonder-Counseling

There is some debate on this first name. In the King James Version Wonderful and Counselor are two separate names. Some of us are used to hearing them that way from the song, “For Unto Us a Child is Born” from Handel’s Messiah (based on the King James Version). But in contemporary versions of the Bible they are listed as one name. Why? The answer isn’t very complicated. The thought is that Isaiah was being uniform in his structure. Each of the other three names consisted of two words so it is believed that Isaiah meant the first to be two words. Either way, this is quite a title.

Wonderful – a noun, masculine singular

06382 פלאַ pele' peh'-leh

from 06381; AV-(wondrous, marvellous...) work 18, wonders 9, marvellous 8, wonderful 8, ...things 6, hard 5, wondrous 3, wondrously 2, marvellously 2, performing 2, difficult to understand, beyond wonder

AV-wonder 8, wonderful 3, wonderfully 1, marvellous 1; 13

1) wonder, marvel

1a) wonder (extraordinary, hard to understand thing)

1b) wonder (of God's acts of judgment and redemption)

Counselor (verb) – verb or masculine participle

03289 יעץ ya`ats yaw-ats'

a primitive root; v

AV-counsel 25, counselor 22, consult 9, give 7, purposed 5, advice 2, determined 2, advise 2, deviseth 2, taken 2, misc 2; 80

1) to advise, consult, give counsel, counsel, purpose, devise, plan

1a) (Qal) 1a1) to advise, counsel, give counsel, consult

1a2) counsellor (participle)

1b) (Niphal) to consult together, exchange counsel, deliberate, counsel together

1c) (Hithpael) to conspire

Wonder-Counseling

Legal Counselor – Advocate, Go between, Mediator

45 Jehovah Names – Hebrew Names

70 Pictorial Names – Chrismons or Christographs

99 Beautiful Names of God – Muslim, Magi Pilgrimage

640 Descriptive Names of Christ and God

The Name(s) of the Lord

*"The name of the Lord is a strong tower:
the righteous run into it and is safe." - Proverbs 18:10*

The name of the Lord is given to us that we might know our Heavenly Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ in all of his splendor and glory. His name covers us, shelters us, seals us, and protects us. Jesus taught us to pray. It is not insignificant that he began with God's Name: "Hallowed be Thy Name." The name of the Lord is his "persona," the essence of who he is. God has given us more than 600 names for Himself. We should meditate on them and address him in his "persona." His name is an endless, exhaustless, expanse of an infinite God. Solomon's expression, "Heaven of heavens cannot contain thee," is an expression of His immensity.

As you pray the names you are claiming His promises and covering for yourself. This is what the psalmist means when in Psalm 91 he says, *"He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord He is my refuge and fortress."*

Discover it. Read the passage of Scripture that contains his name. Read it out loud. Read it slowly and articulately three times. Pray it back to God. Declare him among the nations. Satan is listening so make sure he hears who the Lord is to you. Declare it!

Confess it. Say his name out loud. As you pray the names of the Lord use a phrase like this. Don't just say his name – Claim his name as your inheritance. "Lord, you are my *Portion*, therefore I will not complain about my lot in life. I have YOU!" Make it possessive! Draw a personal conclusion based on His name.

Sing it. Sing to the Lord. Sing of his excellent name. Many of the names of God and Christ have been put to song or at least have songs that refer to that name. Sing it to God. Rejoice in his holy name. Pick up hymnbooks and look through the hymns for His names.

Shout it. Proclaim it boldly. Shouting to the Lord in triumph is a biblical command. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so! It is a good thing to shout the name of the Lord with your lips. *Isaiah 12:6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.*

Write it. Graffiti the Lord's name throughout your notebook or even in your Bible. Remember in grade school how you used to write your girlfriend's or boyfriend's name all over your books. That's the idea. Revel in His name. Love his name. Think on his name. Savor his name. Let it roll off your tongue. Let it bathe your mind and heart. Revel in it. Soak it up. Wrap yourself up in it. God is a very present help in the time of trouble. Let his name be very present to you.

Prayer it. Call on it. We often call on the name of the Lord but do we really think about what we are doing? To call on his name is like making a 9-1-1 call for help. It is to point our cry in the right direction to the One who alone can help. *Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you and you will glorify me.* (Psalm 50:15)

Think on it. Thinking isn't something we do very much anymore. We are too much in a hurry and we like instant things, and most things are thought out for us. But to THINK on HIS NAME is to meditate on the Lord. David said, "My meditation of Him will be sweet." (Psalms 104:34) God promises to be listening and recording your meditation on his name. Think about Him!

Malachi 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

Reverence It. To reverence something means to consider it holy and precious, to esteem it highly, to treat it with awe, or stand in awe of it. Begin each your prayers as Jesus did, "Oh, Lord, Hallowed by thy name."

Embrace it – adopt it. Take it with you.

Malachi 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.