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The Power of Attorney: What is in a name?

This is Expose 247 and we are here today to say behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. So we are going to shout it at the room top. We will scream it, we will say it, we will be in your Newsfeed and in saying it, we know you will not be able to miss the Lamb of God.

And so we want to continue the seamless tradition of Expose 247 and searching the scriptures and showing you through the pages of the scriptures what the mind of the Lord is. And so like Paul in the book of Philippians Chapter 3 verse 1, that he was saying it is not grievous for him to say the same thing again and again, because it is safe. So we want us to be safe, we want you to be safe.

And so this morning, we care about your safety and I hope you too, you are thinking about your safety as we go through the scriptures. I will like to ask you what was your biggest take away moment yesterday? because yesterday we talked about “Location: where do you live?”

Would you like to share that with our audience?

Thank you for that.

Yesterday, we began to understand the reality of the reason why Jesus gave us the model of prayer and the second phrase was Our Father, who is in heaven. And then for me, I was able to see the reality of that statement that, it wasn't just about addressing the Father's location. It was about addressing my location. And Jesus knew that, that was going to be a bond. You know for somebody a kind of explosion for you in your prayer life in that revelation. And we saw that connection yesterday. And if you missed that transmission, please go and check it ‘**Location Report: where do you live?**’

Don't forget Jesus gave us this prayer as a model. He says this manner pray ye. So it means as a believer, the Lord's prayer again is not just something that we are supposed to recite hook line and sinker. It was meant to be a model. He says in this manner you pray. And we began to see the revelation that Christ intended for us to glean from that Lord's prayer. And so yesterday was quite a great one talking about “**Location report: Where do you live?**”

And last weekend we talked about **“DNA Paternity Test: Who is the Father?”** So if you really want to get any of this, you know where to go. You go to our Expose 247 page to listen to this video. And so we added the link to the YouTube channel where you can have it in case you want to download, if it is easier for you on YouTube than on Facebook.

So this morning we will continue and we want to continue with this Lord’s Prayer. We have a lot of grounds to cover on the Lord’s prayer. We’ve covered about the fatherhood, the first phrase and the second phrase, which is who art in heaven. So we want to take it further.

Viewers thank you for joining us today on this Knock Out Series on prayer.

Now, let just give a kind of background of where we are. We began to look at the pattern, the model of the Lord’s prayer.

Now, I want to call your attention to the fact that we’ve established in previous episodes regarding this particular aspect. We’ve established the first thing that, first of all this Lord’s prayer is not a New Covenant prayer because John Chapter 16, Jesus said up till now you’ve not prayed in my name, and that was towards the end of his ministry. Don’t forget He gave the Lord’s prayer at the beginning of his ministry.

So if you are going to pray at all. You couldn’t just recite the Lord’s prayer hook line and sinker. It’s not even a New Covenant prayer. But second point we made and established is, this prayer was meant to be a manner, a model. Jesus said in this manner you pray. So we began to this as a model not something for us to begin to recite like some people do.

And then we began to look at the implication of each of the phrases. There was something Christ had in mind when he mentioned each of the phrases in the Lord’s prayer. We’ve dealt with Our Father. We are actually dealt with that in one of the episode. We talked about **“Location report: Where do you live?”** Which is the second phrase.

Now, today we are going to continue from where stopped and we trust the Lord to give us guidance and to lead us into all truth by looking at this today.

Now, let’s go quickly to Matthew Chapter 6, which is where we have this prayer from verse 9.

What does it says please?

Matthew 6

9. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name

That is the next phrase we are on. Hallowed be thy name.

Now, let say this. The word hallowed is a very old English word, which is where you can something that is holy, something that is separate. That is why we have the hallow bread. The holy bread, the separate bread.

So here is Jesus taking us to the third phrase in this model of prayer. He says, hallow be thy name. Your name is holy, or you can your name is sanctified. Or your name is separate.

Now, this is the point He want us to take note of in the place of prayer. Now, I want you to look at the strategy of Christ in this model. If you notice, the very next phrase after hallowed be your name.

What is the next thing?

Thy kingdom come.

There is a strategy to this. The next thing was thy kingdom come. It means this is even the very first demand on God. This is the very request. The very first request was your kingdom come.

Now, before the very first request to your kingdom come. It was actually preceded by hallowed be your name. You see, your name is holy. Your name is separate and Christ put this there before the very first request saying your kingdom come. What does that tell you? There is something about separating his name, or sanctifying his name or hallowing his name that introduces you to the right platform before he says your kingdom come. It means if you are going to make any request or demand on God at all, he says first your entry point is separating his name.

Now, this word, let's now begin to break this down. What does it mean to hallow the name of the Lord? What does it mean to separate the name of the Lord? What does it mean to sanctify his name? And what is the implication for this in your prayer life?

Now, the question is simple. You see, if you look at 1Peter 3:15. He says **sanctify the Lord God in your heart and be ready to answer every man who ask you for the reason of the hope that is in you.** It means there is something about sanctifying the Lord in your heart and be ready to answer every man. It means, he is simply saying every time we sanctify him or set him apart in our heart or separate his name in our

days, it affect the way we respond or react. He says sanctify the Lord God in your heart and be ready. Can you see? It affects you.

So you couldn't say you are separating the name of the Lord or sanctifying the name of the Lord without it having an impact or something about the way you respond in the place of prayer.

So let's get crack in. What is the name of the Lord? I want to know that first. Because if you are going to hallowed a name, if you are going to separate a name, if you are going to sanctify a name, then at least we should know what name are you sanctifying? Unless we can identify what name we are referring to, there is nothing to hallow. There is nothing to sanctify, there is nothing to separate in your heart.

So come with us quickly and see this name of the Lord that you are supposed to hallow. How do you hallow the name? And also like I said, I will call your attention to the reality that this hallowing the name of the Lord introduces us to the very first request in the place of prayer which is your kingdom come. So this is very critical now. This is very important.

Now, follow us quickly, what is the name of the Lord? What is that name?

Let's look at Matthew 28:19, he says hallowed be your name. If you are asking what name is that?

Well, the very first point of the Lord's prayer was Our father. So we can simply say the name He is referring to is the Father's name. And then what does it mean to separate that name? What does it mean to set that name apart in our heart before we make our first request?

Now, look at Matthew 28:19. See what Matthew 28:19 has to say.

Watch this,

Matthew 28

19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost

Well, he says baptizing the nations in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Ghost. For some of us, we probably think the Father has three names. Some people when they are actually praying, they say the name of the Father, the name of the son, the name of the Holy Ghost.

It will sound to me that there are two things that are important there. If there were the names of three people, he would have said in the names of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Ghost (plural)

If you check your Bible, your Matthew 28:19 use the word singular. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Then by just simple grammatical understanding, we can simply say it sounds or seem that the name of the Holy Ghost, the name of the Father, the name of the Son is just only one name. Because he didn't say in the names. He said in the name.

Now, beyond just Matthew 6, the Lord's prayer and is in Luke 11:2, it's in Matthew Chapter 9 as well, beyond that, we now see that the name of the Father we are meant to hallowed or set apart is not just the Father's name, is also the Son's name, is also the Holy Ghost's name.

Now, we are getting some insight to what that name is. Don't forget, he says in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. He said baptize in that name.

Now, let's check some other parts of the Bible and get more insight.

Can you go quickly to Acts Chapter 2 verse 38?

Don't forget we are meant to baptize in the name of the Father, the name of the Son and the name of the Holy Ghost.

Now, let's see what Acts 2:38 has to say about in what name should we baptized?

Acts 2

38. Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost

Hold on to that.

Ok. We are getting more insight into this name because like I said to you, we are trying to track down the name. Unless we track down the name, there is nothing to hallow. There is nothing to sanctify. There is no name to set apart. So we are tracking down the name of the Father in the Lord's prayer.

Now, Acts 2:38 the Apostle Peter gives us another level of insight into this name. Now, I want you to compare if you have your Bible there. Compare Matthew 28:19 to Acts 2:38. Matthew 28:19 says when you baptized do it in the name of the Father, of the Son, of the Holy Spirit. That is Matthew 28:19, but Acts 2:38 says you should

baptized... see the word baptized again. Note the word baptized. Baptized in the name of Jesus.

So by simple reasoning and comparing, just by simple reasoning it means you can then say, it will sound that the name of the Father, the name of the Son, the name of the Holy Spirit that we should baptized in is the same as the name of Jesus.

So when you talk about the Lord's prayer. He says Our Father who is heaven. We set apart your name. The Father has a name and it seems that the name of the Father is the name of the Son and is the name of the Spirit. And Acts 2:38 says is the name of Jesus.

Ok.

Now, we now begin to track down the name we are meant to hallow. So every time you say in Jesus name, the Bible is telling you and I, is the name of the Father, is the name of the Son, is the name of the Holy Ghost.

Now, let's look at the third witness to this. Again, we need to know what name to hallow before we start talking about sanctifying of the name.

Let's see what Hebrew tells us. This is the third testimony.

Hebrews 1:4.

Now, we begin to find out what name is there to hallow, before we begin to talk about the setting apart of that name, and how it has an implication for you in the place of prayer.

Hebrews 1:4

The third testimony to this name we are meant to set apart in our heart when we are praying.

Look at Hebrews 1:4

4. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

That was Jesus, talking about the ministry of Jesus, he was made so much better than the angels.

as he hath by inheritance obtained

That is Jesus, by inheritance he obtained.

Now, watch what he obtained.

a more excellent name than they.

He said, the name of Jesus... he said, he got it by inheritance.

Now, he said he had by inheritance obtained a more excellent name. It means, if you get something by inheritance, it will mean that your Father gave it to you.

Hebrews 1:4 tells you and I that Jesus name is far better than every other name. He said because by inheritance....I call you attention to that word. He had obtained a more excellent name. He didn't say he obtained a more excellent property or more excellent goods or more excellent power. He could have said that, which is true in some other verses of the Bible.

He didn't say a more excellent status which he could actually say from other Bible passages. But he says Jesus obtained a more excellent name. That is the word. By inheritance.

It will mean that the Bible says he inherited the name. Now, this is the third conclusion for you and I to know that the name of the Father, the name of the Son, and the name of the Holy Spirit is the name of the Jesus.

So now going back to the Lord's prayer, when He says hallowed by your name or let's set apart the name of the Father. It means we now know that that name is the name of Jesus. So let's put it in context. When He says hallow be his name or set apart his name in the place of prayer, you are setting apart the name of Jesus.

So we know what name he's referring to. It's not ambiguous, is not vague. It's the name of Jesus. When you say in Jesus name, is the name of the Father. In Jesus name, is the name of the Son. In Jesus name is the name of the Holy Spirit.

So that is what we've seen. We've identify what name is it.

Now, let's talk about how do you as a Christian, how you do as someone who come to God in the place of the prayer, how do you set apart that name?

Now, I want to call your attention to this. Setting apart the name of Jesus or hallowing the name of Jesus is not something that is mystical that you think ok, I believe I am hallowing his name. I will tell you how you are going to know.

I will call your attention again to 1Peter 3:15 that says sanctify the Lord God in your heart and be ready... It means he says I will know if you are sanctifying that name, there is an action, there is a readiness, there is a response that will evoke out of you that can make you say yes, we know you are sanctifying that name.

So sanctifying and setting apart is something active, is something that yields a level of response from you. So you couldn't say you are doing that without some level of response and readiness in you. And that is what we are going to look at today. How do you set apart the name? How do you elevate the name? How do you actually set apart and sanctify the name of the Lord in the place of prayer?

Now, it means the name of Jesus. We are coming back now to the name of Christ. Now, let's go quickly and see what about the name that you need to set apart? What about the name of Jesus? What is it in the name? What is in that name? Why would the Lord Jesus said, say hallowed be his name before you make your first request? What is in that name? That is what we are going to investigate today.

Now, follow us quickly to the book of Acts Chapter 3, what is in a name? The power of attorney: What is in a name?

Now, what does it says? Acts 3:1 we are going to start from there.

Before we read Acts 3:1, in our previous transmission we made reference to John Chapter 16 where Jesus said you've not asked anything up till now in my name. He says asked in my name that your joy might be full. He said whatever you ask the Father in my name, I will do it so that the Father can be glorified in the son.

When you are asking for something in somebody else's name, it means... we've said that before, we are going deeper today... that to ask something in the name of Jesus means you are coming to the Father in the very person, in the very authority of Christ. You are telling the Father when you see me in the place of prayer, please don't look at me, I've come in the name of Jesus. I've not come in my name. I've come in the name of Christ.

So the Father has to treat you exactly the same way He is going to treat Jesus Christ. That is what it means to come in the name of Christ. And we know this in legal terms. If you have heard about the power of attorney. When you grant somebody the power of attorney, the person can operate business exactly as if it was you that was operating the business.

Talking about praying in the name of Jesus is a very big issue. You are asking God the Father. Treat me exactly the way you would have treated Jesus. And you and I know how he would treat Jesus. He said this is my beloved Son in whom am well pleased.

So that is what we are introducing you to today. We are talking about the hallowing the sanctifying and the separating of his name when you come to the place of prayer.

Let's go to Acts 3 and see what the Lord has to say to us.

Acts 3

1. Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple

3. Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, look on us.

5. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them

6. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Now, before we go to the next verse. Let's see what Peter has. Peter said I don't have silver and gold... well, even though that is not our focus today, we can simply say the testimony of Peter saying he has no silver and gold should tell you there was something about the financial ministry of Christ Jesus. Because how can an adult person like Peter not have a bank account or something like a financial reserve he could get something from to give to this man? It will mean that Jesus technically carried all their financial burden.

Even when they were in the wilderness, they wanted to buy food. They had bank account with Christ. And all the responsibility financially must have been on Christ. That was why Peter said, I don't have any silver and gold here. That tells you about the grace that was at work in the life of Christ financially when He was in the flesh on the earth.

Now, Peter said that which I have. I want to know what Peter had? Maybe some kind of anointing, some kind of unction, some kind of power in the Holy Ghost to do this.

Before we go there, to buttress about the financial capacity and handlings of Jesus ministry. It was only Jesus, I don't know of anybody else in this world, any director, any leader of any organization that could do what Jesus did then, that he know that your treasurer, that your accountant is a thief and you left him with.. Nobody takes that risk the moment he knows.

So he knows that and He could leave all the financial dealings with a thief. He has so much to... when they went to the disciples. He was responsible. Just like Paul too was able to say that even am getting not for myself but for those people that were with

him. When they need to go out to eat, when they need to make all the provision, when I send you, he made sure he assumed the responsibility. Did you lack anything? So that was then.

So he was responsible for them as... so this is the challenge to people that are handling ministry and everything and feel like I will be irresponsible for this? Just making the people dry. Jesus was so responsible for his disciples that Peter had no bank account and yet they were living life.

And so when He sent them out, he said, did you lack anything? and nobody could say no! They answered we never lack. When He send them forth. Is something for us to learn, is something we can learn. Most people like Paul in everything but they don't like Paul in that aspect. They wanted to be like Paul in writing, they wanted to be like Paul in the covering of the ministerial journey but nobody want to be like him in the way he actually handle ministry finances, in which he was able to labor for himself and those that were with him.

Now, let's see what Peter said he has because we want to find out what he has.

Before we go into that, some people take pride in them not having the gold and silver like Peter, but they cannot claim of what they have. They say they don't have gold and silver, yet Peter said I do not have gold and silver but what I have. You must have something.

And then again, let's see what he has. Let's see the asset that Peter has actually treasure to so much that he thinks he can offer this man.

6. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Can you see? I thought when Peter said what I have am going to give to you, I thought it was some kind of unction or some kind of supernatural anointing. Some kind of virtue or some kind of capacity to do miracles. You can mentioned lots of things that people look for to say well, that man, God is using him because if you see, he says he's being on the mountain, he's seen 25 angels or he has 4 angels that are working with him.

Some people says well, if I pray for you, things will happen in your life because I've got 3 angels that God assigned to me. That is what I have. People claim that they have this. Some even say what I have is, some level of supernatural experience or some kind of supernatural exposure that is not normal and is not usual. So if I declare over your destiny something will happen.

I was expecting Peter to say... when he say such as I have... Well, Peter if you have something tell me something so great. Peter said, in the name of Jesus. Common! Peter tell me something else. I mean tell me you've got something. See! Peter said such I have, I will give to you and I was expecting... Peter packaged it.

You know people talked about in the business world that packaging is everything. And then Peter packaged, he branded and said well, I don't have silver and gold but I have got something for you, and I will give you what I have. And then Peter then packaged, and Peter said I was about to listen to what is the package. And he said In the name of Jesus. Common! Peter you don't mean it? In the name of Jesus and that is what you really have telling the man am going to give it you. Am bringing it out to give it to you. Why did Peter do that? He sanctify that name. He put that name on a different level. Peter packaged the name. Peter put that name on a level that most people wouldn't even think of.

Jesus said when you are praying the Lord' prayer, when you get to that, set that name apart. You need to sanctify, you need to package that name. You need to represent that name to yourself. And Peter said all I have am going to give to you. All I have is the name of Jesus. Can you see that? That is a man who set apart the name. That is a man who put a premium on the name. That is a man who even packaged the name in such a way that you thought it will be something else he will talk about. But he said all I have is that name. All I can offer you is the name, and am going to give it to you. That is what he told that man.

I hope our viewers is hearing what am hearing now, that they will be able to realize what they have. He says what I have. Some people don't even really know because they have so many other things. So the name of the Lord is lost among so many other things. Among so many other junks in their life, among some many other things that glitter, is lost and you cannot set on a different pedestal, that you can even understand the weight.

Actually Peter actually understood the weight of that name. That is why he knows, he possess and he was able to say this thing, I have it. And am able to give it to you. And that is all I have.

So this is what I have. And I am able to give it to you. So is just like a home call for us to understand, to realize this thing. Maybe you have been belittling the name of the Lord, maybe you are not putting it in that regard where you do understand it must be special, but not that special for you to think like oh! This is all I have. That you can place your gold and silver beneath it even when you have it. And is on that importance of that weight, much more weight than gold. People measure things in

gold but here there is no class for it in gold. The name of the Lord... Even silver and gold is beneath it.

So people measure things, weight in gold but you know weight in gold here is beneath the name of the Lord. Peter was saying... and this is somebody that has touched money because if you know about Peter, he was like the head of fisherman in Capernaum. He had already seen *fishes* and held those kind.

So the fact that he was saying silver and gold, is not that he is a man that is penniless because at the time Jesus was telling them that... giving a parable and explaining to them how it will be so difficult for those who are rich to go to heaven, that it will be like a camel in the eye of a needle. Even Peter had to lament and raise an alarm and say what about us? He has given us something because he counted himself in a way as a rich person. So he raised an alarm, he panic and said what about us too? Because he felt he too had some substance and he felt like am I not part of what He is saying?

So he is somebody that has touched money in a way. He already knows... but he knows that in the weight of that, in the comparison, in the light of things. The name of Jesus weight much more than that. May we realize that, that this name that we always talk about and people are already used to, we are so familiar with that name to know that it is separate. It's something you know that it's just your possession. You are so possessive about the name. You know that is something you have. May you realize what you have today.

Thank you for that insight.

And then we now begin to understand the reason why Jesus put this hallowing of the name before the first request, your kingdom come. He knows it is the trigger point. He knows it is the ushering in, into receiving from the Father. Now, here is Peter says all I have is this.

And then you see! Before we go to the next verse, **it will sound to me that, the enemy or the things that can come against our capacity to put the name in high premium in our life will be other things that we have.**

So it will mean that seem to be in a way make us not to put that name in premium. That is why Peter said silver and gold I have none. That which I have, which is the name of Jesus I give to you. And then in our days, if you bring somebody who has need of something, in most cases we think about what do we have that we can give the person? But Peter said, well, I think my most priciest possession I have is this name. And then this is the point we have to come to, in setting apart that name and said this is it. This is the most important part. That is what I have.

We are going to look at this. Like I said, using the name of Jesus means using the very credit of Jesus. Using the status of Jesus with the Father. Whatever status Christ had with the Father which we know if we check the Bible, you are asking God to accord you the same status. That's using the name. It's call the power of attorney. Accord me every single status, every response you will give Christ. Father give it to me as well. I have come in his name and not in my name.

And this what Peter did. Peter said well to the man am going to come in the name of Jesus now, am not going to come as Peter, am not going to come as John. Am going to come in the name of Jesus. And that is all we have to offer. That is all we see there.

Surprisingly for us and most people, we just found out the name of Jesus is lost among so many other good things supposedly religious good things, so the name is lost because we put more premium on vision. Some people when they come to places of prayer, they will rather want you to say something else than the name of Jesus. They feel more in touch when you mention prophesy, I saw angels as am saying this and this and this or anointing or mantle, am bringing this out, the anointing oil. I am bringing this out, the mantle in the place of the name of Jesus. They feel the name of Jesus is too common, can you say something else? So even the name of Jesus is surprisingly lost among so many of those simily good things

Thank you for that insight,

Even atimes when we mentioned the name of Jesus. You will see very soon. It's not about just mentioning the name of Jesus. We are going to get there very soon.

Now, look at what he says in verse 12.

Acts 3:12 so that we can actually get on with this quickly because of time.

12. And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

Now, he saw the people. So the background for this story is just like they know the healing. They saw the healing happened and people began to gather. In summary, when Peter prayed for him in the name of Jesus rise and up. This man stood up and we know why he stood up. He stood up because God harkened to what Peter said as if it was Christ that was giving instruction. It was done in the name of Jesus not in Peter's name.

And that is why you cannot be afraid and wondering about the fact that, can I do this? Do I have the power? It's not you. You are coming in somebody else's name. You are

using the power of attorney. You are using Christ reputation. That is what you've done. That is why the man has to rise up because it wasn't actually Peter giving instruction as it were, it was Christ giving instruction.

Peter used the reputation of Christ, the standing of Christ with the Father. That is what it means to use the name of Jesus. And that is why we know this man stood up and people began to gather and Peter addressed them in verse 12.

12. And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

Now, we have another problem. The other problem we have is Peter began to give us second insight to reason why people don't put premium or value or significance or sanctify or hallow the name of the Father, which is the name of Jesus as we saw. We've made the comparison.

He said, why do you think by our own power or holiness? Now, look at that. It will mean then the reason why some people will not place any significance on coming to the Father in the name of Jesus, why some people will come in their name is because they have a level of their own holiness. That is why some people say well, I think if I decide to live my life in such a way that I do everything perfectly, and I have done nothing wrong with my life and I don't offend God in any way, now I think God will answer my prayer. Now, I think my prayer will not go unnoticed before the Father. When you do that, you've come by the power of your own holiness.

Let's say this categorically in the Bible, Jesus said in John 16. He said from now on, in that day, you must pray in my name. God will not listen to you because of your level of holiness. Of course we have to live holy but living holy is our response to the grace of God in our lives. It's not a bargaining tool before God in the place of prayer. When you decide to use your own holiness as a bargaining tool, you make your life a ground for attack of darkness because why? The devil begins to place condemnation on your soul and he says why? This is the reason why God cannot answer you because you've not completed all the rules and regulation.

You cannot afford to be in that zone. So Peter is telling the people that listen! What happened was not by our own holiness. Don't forget because they used the name of Jesus. So the reason why some don't even put premium or significance on that name is because they think they have something to offer. Because they think they have a bargaining tool before the Father.

If you think you have bargaining tool, you don't know God's standard. God does not respond to you and will never respond to you on your level of holiness. God will only respond to you, if you come to him in the name of Jesus. And this is reason why you have to come in the name of Jesus. Only Jesus achieved perfect obedience. Hebrews Chapter 5 tells us that He learnt obedience by the things he suffered. Only Christ fulfilled the righteous demands of the Law. You cannot fulfill God's righteous demand.

You must live holy according to God's Word but not because your holiness will become a bargaining tool in the place of prayer.

So Peter said here, we never came on the basis of our holiness and our power. We never did. We only come in the name of Jesus. So we see the second thing that try to restrict people from putting value on that name. And that is what we see here.

Just like our title of our transmission today "the Power of Attorney: What is in a name." You know for anybody to use the power of attorney, it doesn't matter what your own status is, it's irrelevant. So you cannot shrink back and say Oh! I cannot use this name, me I don't have this status, me I don't have this... It doesn't matter because the power of attorney confer the status on you, the status that you need.

And that's why Peter was saying it here that, the name of Jesus throngs the holiness, it trumps it in comparison. It trumps there reputation and holiness... in case you are coming up with your own version of holiness and your own version of righteousness and power in things like this. You just have to use the Father, the one that is credited for you. The righteousness that is credited and that is what the Father wants. So you cannot use your holiness and your power because.... this same problem we had in this age has been the problem of the ages too.

Then the people were expecting, they were looking at him that there must be a level of holiness. He was able to pick it up. Peter was able to pick it up that, that was the expectation of the people thinking that, this things is attach to their holiness, is attach to their personal power, their personal purity or years of walking with God, or what they are doing.

So people generally always attach all through the ages, they attach all these things, the manifestation and miracles to all these things. So the problem we are having in this century, it has always been the same age long problem. And so we have the same age long solution to it. And that is how Apostle Peter addressed it.

He picked it up from there that you are expecting that, I should be able to tell you. They were expecting Peter to come up with something. Yes I was able to do it

because I have been fasting and praying, because of the person that actually laid hands on me, because of the person I study under, the person whose mantle I took, or the person who ordain me to ministry. You know who ordain me to ministry? If I pray for you... all those kind of things... whose mantle I took, and the representative. I got the spirit of this and this. So people are expecting that plausible explanation, the one that people are giving today. But Peter corrected this.

So today we are bringing that correction into the body of Christ, for us to know according to the Word of the Lord that this is not attach. He put everyone on the same level, same equilibrium. So it is only the name of Jesus as we can see.

So I don't know where we have put the name of Jesus among many of those things, among many of those our tutelage, among many of those books, and CDs and conference that we have gone to, among so many other things. We have to know that the name of Jesus trumps all, trumps our personal purity, personal discipline.

We are not saying it is a bad thing, because he was not saying that it is a bad thing; the holiness or power. Peter didn't say he was not holy. He only said well, we didn't do that by our own holiness. We just use the status of Jesus before the Father. Whatever Christ have with the Father that is what we used. And that is what he is saying there.

Today in in our generation, some people asking they said, I want Pastor A or I want Apostle B or I want prophet D to pray for me, and you ask them why? ha! that man! If you know him, he's a man whose level of holiness you cannot doubt. These are people that walk with God and because they walk closely with God, if they pray for you and release a Word over your life, you have actually made it.

And I wonder people that say such things, are not reading this kind of verses. They say well, am going to make sure I corner that man of God wherever I see him, if he lay hands upon me, I know things will happen. And you asked them why would things happen if he lay hands on you? That is fine, it is good to pray. It is good to ask for prayers.

In the Bible the Apostle Paul asked for prayer (Intercessory prayers). He says pray for us. We are not deny the fact, don't get this wrong please. But we are simply saying if you think or believe that the reason why somebody's prayer for your life must work is because you think they walk so close with God, that is very hard to find fault with their lives, you think based on that, their prayer must not go unnoticed when they pray for you, it means you got it all completely wrong and twisted. That is not what the Bible says.

The Bible says the reason why God would listen to what that man pray for you is because or on the basis that he has come before the Father in the name of Jesus, trying to use the credit or the status of Jesus with the Father. Any other thing apart from that is anti-Christ.

And I don't think we can blame those people because when they come in encounter with all those ministers, every opportunity those ministers do have in their place of ministration is all about talking about how their personal diligence, their discipline, who anointed them, who did they study under, how many conferences they've gone to, and in every opportunity they have pushed aside, suppress the name of Jesus and elevated all these things. They elevated all these things, they put it on those pedestal, and that is what those people are looking at. And that is what they are attaching at. And that is what they believe in.

So they begin to measure and match everybody based on those criteria. Some of them, they teach it even in all these ministerial school, to teach people this is what I do, if you want to have what I have the way I do. This is this, this is what I have done. In all they do, they put Jesus or even absent, completely put the name of Jesus out of it or they suppress it and put at the bottom of the rubble. They elevate every of those things.

And most people today, some of those young ministers who they are eager, hitching to hear something else apart from the name of Jesus. So they really are crazy to hear.... they want to hear some other things. So people will customized this for them to see why things is working because, they actually wanted something different from the name of Jesus. These are rules to it. This is the price. This is what can be done. This is what can be caught about it. But all these things you know, because the name of Jesus looks so.... what works can you add to that and Peter packaged it so well when he told the man.

Let's us say this radical statement. It's quite radical. And I think we can put it *synchly* this way that, the basis of God giving you anything. The basis of you having your prayer's answered, the basis of God being predisposed towards you in favour in your life and destiny. "Your holiness" because the Bible says be holy as He is holy. Well that is a different thing to think about. He says your holiness is born out of his in your spirit. Whatever lifestyle you live, whatever you do has zero effect. I repeat has zero effect on God's disposition towards you being favour.

Now, this is the scriptures not common sense. This is what the Bible says because Jesus said that we should pray in his name in that day. And in this day means, I want you to use my status with the Father. Don't use your status. No matter how good it is.

Whether good status, bad status. Don't use your status. Don't use your level of power. Not your level of holiness. Don't use my status. Jesus asked us to do that, so it will mean the only reason why Christ asked us to use his status is because, He knows in the New Covenant, God will only predispose towards you if you come in the name of Jesus. This is the reason why in the Lord's prayer, He said hallowed be your name. Sanctify that name, put significance on that name. Put value on that name. Elevate that name. Package that name. Make it look more beyond... that is what Peter did. Peter said all I have is the name, I am going to give to you.

That is what we have come to represent today to the body of Christ. It's high time that name is given the right place it should be given, the significance it should be given. So that is what we see. Peter said it's got nothing to do with our holiness. Have you noticed, when people say this today, some will say well, the reason he is saying that is because he is not holy. That is why he is saying that. Because they are living bad lives. In fact, some of you might be thinking as you are listening to this transmission, it might be in your mind at the moment that the reason why this people are talking like this is because they know they are not holy.

Well, I want you to put that allegation on Peter. Put the same allegation on Apostle Peter. I mean look at Apostle Peter. These people forsook their jobs, forsook their wives, forsook their family and followed Christ Jesus. And I believed right from when Christ died and resurrected and Apostle Peter became an apostle. We don't have any scandal about Apostle Peter in the Bible. Do you think the reason why Peter made this statement is because he was living an ungodly life? No not rather! Peter had a great testimony in the scriptures. But yet Peter said the reason why that man rose up from his lameness has got nothing to do with our holiness.

And it's high time. Unless we say that. Unless we boldly declare that. That is the only evidence we have to show that we are putting premium on the name of Jesus. So Peter didn't say this because he was living ungodly lives. So it doesn't mean because anybody is talking about this is living ungodly life. We are talking simply the New Covenant in the blood of Jesus. That is what we are talking about today.

So today transmission, we are calling you forth to do an accounting. Do stock taking and evaluation that you will be able to come at the end of everything today, to be able to say all that I have. You have to sum everything up together. Everything has to come... even if you have other things, you have to say these other things they pale out at the significance of the name, hallow be your name.

You have to do the accounting, you have to do that hallow. That is your job, your responsibly today and make it all, add up to one. Whatsoever you may have.

Whatsoever good thing you may have. It must all add up... you know it was the book of Colossians that was saying everything consists in him, before all things and all things together in him. Everything must hold and become one and that must become the name.

So things that need to disappear need to disappear. Good things that need to disappear, holiness is good. But Peter said No! That is not the basis. Things that need to fade away at the background so that that name comes on top and become all that I have. Hallow be your name.... And that is what we are calling you to, you must do the accounting. You must do throw things away. Some must fade away, everything you have can be sum up to just one thing. All I have... and that what you have, you know it so well and you know that you can give it. And that is the only thing you can give, even when people come around they wanted something else. They wanted some other things, you know that this is just the only thing I have. Sorry this is all I have. And that is what I can give. This is all I have and that will be our testimony.

Thank you for that insight.

Now, let's follow through with Apostle Peter and see where he is taking this to. Look at verse 16 and what he says in verse 16. The same issue, the same episode, the same matter, the same man that was healed from being crippled.

See what Peter said in verse 16.

Look at verse 16 what does it says

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16. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Peter is still saying this thing that happened, he was still insisting. Now, how many times Peter talked about this name? These people have.... again I repeat if somebody had a basis for declaring the fact that he sacrifice for Christ, that he sacrifice for the gospel, it was Peter. That he had something he could boast about, that he actually forsook such to follow Christ, it is Peter.

But Peter was going to have none of these. He kept on elevating that name. He says all it took for this man to rise up is because we took the status of Christ. We used the benefit of Christ. We used Jesus good standing with the Father. That is what we used.

Peter is still not actually getting out of this thing yet.

Still at verse 16, he says and in his name

16. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see

That is where the robber hits the road for so many Christians. Chanting the name of Jesus is not what get one anywhere. It is setting apart that name. And Peter then give us a new phrase. And I will call your attention to that phrase. Peter said, faith in his name. Peter said when I told the man that all I have, in the name of Jesus rise up and walk. I put faith in the name.

So there is the name and there is putting faith in the name. There is putting confidence in the name. There is putting the totality of my dependence on that name. Now, the question is, what does it mean to put faith in his name? What faith does Peter had in the name of Christ that is not common place?

Now, you can simply say putting faith in the name means setting apart the name. Knowing the significance of the name. Knowing what the name is all about.

Now, let's see some scriptures that tells us what it mean to put faith in that name. Now we know the seven sons of Sceva, that could be the reason now, why they said in the name of Jesus that Paul preach. Is not about chanting the name or just saying in Jesus name. That is why amazingly, some Christians who come to God on the basis of their power or their own holiness. Some even have pedigrees. They have a good track record as a Christian. Some even want to pray like Hezekiah.

If you are there please go and look for our transmission what we call “**Drugabuse,**” why you as a Christian in the New Covenant of the blood of Jesus cannot pray Old covenant prayers. When you do it will cause a confusion and a clash in your prayer life. Because you cannot put new wine in old wine skin. Jesus said, you cannot do that.

Some try to pray Hezekiah's prayer where they said to God, you know what see! what I have done for your households, see all the things I have done. See all the price I have paid. See I have actually gave up my job. Some says I even gave up my family. Some will say well, I denied my family the benefit or I deny myself lots of benefit because of this work of the kingdom. Father don't forget my labour of love. Please Father! It is high time for you to pay me back for everything that I have done. And you asked them why are you praying that kind of prayer? They said well, Hezekiah prayed that kind of prayer. You cannot do that because you have just moved back to the Old Covenant. You cannot put new wine in old wineskin.

Here we see Peter saying well, what we did to this man was we used the name of Jesus. Then he said beyond that, we put faith in that name. You cannot put faith in the name when you put faith in something else. That is why you cannot serve two masters. Jesus said you either hate one and love the other. You cannot serve two masters. You've got to put all your confidence, all your dependence in that name.

If somebody asked you the question, why must God answer that prayer? or why do you think God should show you favour? You can simply say well, the reason is, He can't deny his son. You can tell the person that Jesus had perfect approval with the Father. The Father said that is my beloved son in whom am well pleased. And you expect to be completely treated by God the way He treated Christ. That is your dependence... is on Christ. And that is all Peter said, faith in his name.

And we are going to find out very soon, what does it mean to put faith and confidence in the name of Jesus?

And I hope you have find out that it's not just enough to use the name of Jesus as a rubber stamp, like the icy on your prayer request. Let me just say it and stamp it, it should go through like that. People just say in Jesus name, after you have actually lay the fact that you have sacrifice for God, God is time for you to bless me and say in Jesus name.

Some people even say let's call it seven times, let's call it twenty one times even before in the midst and all these kind of things, it's beyond that. Just like we can see that Peter was able to show us in verse 16 very well. For those who are not familiar with this story because we assumed that people know it well. You just go to that Acts Chapter 3 and read the story very well. Take time to read all those verses that we ran through so that you can understand this.

So we found out that the hallowing the name, setting apart of the name goes beyond just chanting it. Goes beyond putting it in the midst of prayer or calling it twenty times, fifty times. Some people they have a method, they have even work out the formula for it. If I call it fifty times before this request and everything to make it serious. It's not about the chanting. Beyond that because some people might just feel like, I know the name, I will just increase the number of times I call it. That is not hallowing, setting apart of that name.

In setting apart of the name, it goes beyond. We can see the evaluation and estimation that all that Peter had is just the only thing I have. You must come to that point in life that whatsoever other good thing that is seemly working for you is reduce to nothing and that name becomes the only thing. And you are so sure that you know this name

very well and that it is yours to use, not that you are borrowing the name. Some people do... the way they relate with the name of Jesus is like they just want to borrow it, is on lease for some time, let's use it for a time. You know you have conferred the good standing of the Father is eternally yours. So you know it has become yours.

Peter said this is what I have. It is mine. I have something, that was what he was telling the lame man. I have something. I hope that your relationship with the name of the Father has become... so that you have the ownership relationship with it. That is not a tenant using that name, is not that you have a lease relationship. The contract you have is it is yours. It has been fully transferred to you. Just like he said to Jesus, he has inherited that name, fully transfer to him.

So it's fully transferred to you. The righteousness, is transfer to you. Every benefit attach to that name is transfer to you. The power of attorney is transfer to you. And you know that in transfer, it becomes yours. Because Peter boldly said this is all I have, all I have. I have it so much that I can determine how I use it. I have it so much that I can share it and part with it. I give to you.

So you know is easy, he has all the authority over it to determine who to give it, who to use... That is something that is yours. But if something boring, you might not be able to share like that. So he said that is what I have, all that I have. So it comes about to estimation, to evaluate everything that you have. Every good thing that is working for you. Seems that seem to work for you. It needs to pale significance in comparison to what this name is, and that is what the hallowing is.

I don't think we can get to the faith in his name at all today, but I just want us to know. And I hope this episode has wet our appetite to know that, it is just beyond chanting of the name. Hallowing the name is much more deeper. Hallowing the name is about faith in his name, in which we do hope that next transmission, we will be able to get into it.

In summary as we round off now, let's say this, like she said. It's not a magic wand. It will mean that there are some things we say as we are praying, if we just put the name of Jesus on top of it saying in Jesus name we pray Amen. Atimes, it could be contradictory. For example if your prayer points and the reason why you are making claim that God has to answer your prayer is in your name, and then you put in Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Well that is just using the name of the Lord in vain. It doesn't make any sense. You actually lay claim and said the reason why you believe that God must not reject you because you believe you live a life that deserve his favor, and then you are saying in

Jesus name. You didn't pray in Jesus name. Even though you put the name in Jesus name. You've not pray in Jesus name.

So praying in Jesus name is more than saying in Jesus name. It's your disposition. It's your stand point of why you believe you must receive answer to your prayer. So it's not just about uttering the name, in Jesus name. The main thing is have you come in Jesus name? Have you set apart that name? Have you estimated the Father above your own experiences?

So am very sure you want to join us next week 7pm UK time to know.... we are not even through with this yet, to know the faith in his name, what does it mean? To take this hallowing the name in deeper further so that you have a complete understanding of it. And we can bring it to our personal walk with the Lord.

And so apart from our personal walk with the Lord, we can share the benefit with others, because it was the personal walk and understanding of Peter that he understood and estimated the name the way he ought to, and that was why he was able to share it. Because it was a time of prayer...

And you know is very instructive to know that these conversation was even in the temple. So it is something that people of faith needs to understand and understand this topic. So people are saying the name of Jesus, let's go and talk to the infidels, people that really don't know. They have known the name of Jesus, who want to teach me about the name of Jesus? We know the name of Jesus and so... This is a discuss in the temple. When holiness become an hindrance to the name of Jesus.

So this a discuss we should be having no matter what you position is, no matter the level of the work you are doing, and you feel like am the bishop and something. This is a discussion for you. (When holiness become an hindrance using the name of Jesus). Because they could pick it up from them, these people are thinking he should ascribe it, they are expecting him to say I had a revelation, I had this... some people tell how they left their wife, they left their conjugal duty and all those things. Peter did all that, yet he didn't make any reference to any of that. They had reference to that and sow the seed, I have given my car to this, is a year that God must bless me.

So for people that are fetching for, looking out for, fishing for ministerial insight. This is the biggest of them all. All the secrets, ministerial secrets, secrets to power, all these twelve, twenty laws of power, is just in one. Is all in the name. That is the thing. That is what Apostle Peter was telling them. The people were looking for answers, what is it? Tell us what is it? So people are asking today, tell us what is it? But we found out the answer is faith in his name.

So you want to join us 7pm UK time as we continue to know faith in his name and to let us have this mature discussion. It's a mature discussion. It's a discussion in the temple for those people who had already known the name before, because the name wasn't strange to them.

So join us 7pm UK time on Saturday as we continue this. We will want you to share this. We want you to come with your questions, or clarification, things that you agree and disagree with. And we want you to share with your contacts. And then be on the page because some other transmissions will be sharing during the week.

Till we see you 7pm UK time. We want to say as ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord. So walk in him.

God bless you

Bye!!!!