
At The Name of Jesus (Our Spiritual Battle Cry)

Keys To Our Spiritual Armory

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Sermon: Keys To Our Spiritual Armory: At The Name of Jesus (Our Spiritual Battle Cry)

Lesson Text

Matthew 1:19–21 (KJV)¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. ²⁰ But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. ²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Philippians 2:10–11 (KJV)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.

Introduction

For the last several weeks we've been looking at the weapons of our warfare by studying the spiritual armor that we have access to as identified in the 6th chapter of Ephesians:

- The belt of truth to hold it together, the breastplate of righteous behavior, feet prepared with the gospel, the shield of faith against our doubts, and the sword of God's word.
- Next week we will look at the battlefield of our mind with the helmet of salvation.

But today I want to look at the power that comes from our mouth, the power of our voice.

Proverbs 18: ²¹ Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

As Christians we often talk about what comes out of your mouth determining your victory or your defeat: God's Word, Our Testimony, Our Praise, Our Prayer, and God's Truth.

But today, I want to talk about the power and authority behind these words, testimonies, praise, and prayers. Without power and authority, then our words are just words.

Christmas is a celebration not only of the birth of Jesus Christ, but also the power behind our words.

Matthew 1: ²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt **call his name JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins.

The name of Jesus is not just a sound to identify who we are talking about, but a representation of authority, saving word, character and power.

A police officer or a soldier doesn't have power simply because they have a gun, a gun is just a tool, but they have power because of the name backing them up.

As Christian soldiers we have plenty of tools and weapons, but what backs us up is a name.

Our lesson text teaches us “That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow” and “And *that* every tongue should confess”.

Today’s message will look at how we are to use the power of his name in heaven, in earth, and under the earth.

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(At The Name Of Jesus In Heaven, At The Name Of Jesus In Earth, and At The Name Of Jesus Under The Earth)

I. At The Name of Jesus In Heaven (Access through Prayer)

Philippians 2: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

The first thing that the Name of Jesus gives us is access to heaven through prayer.

When I mentor, two things I try to get the mentees to figure out – What do you need? And who do you know? The first identifies your request, the second identifies your letter of introduction.

When the disciples asked Jesus to pray, two of the things he taught them was the power of a name when petitioning, and access to heaven.

- Luke 11: ¹ And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. ² And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

What you need is in heaven, and the way to access it is through petitioning heaven through prayer. But not everyone can get through to heaven.

- John 9: ³¹ Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

To get through to heaven, we need a letter of introduction; and that letter is The Name of Jesus!

John 14: ¹² Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. ¹³ And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

John 16: ²³ And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you. ²⁴ Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

II. At The Name of Jesus In Earth (Salvation through Deliverance)

Philippians 2: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and things in earth, and *things* under the earth;

The next thing that the Name of Jesus gives us is salvation in earth through deliverance.

Matthew 6: ¹⁰ **Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**

Once the petition is made in heaven, it has to come to pass in the earth.

Luke 4: ¹⁸ **The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

In the earth we are poor, broken, captive, blind, and bruised. We are poor in spirit and ready to give up; brokenhearted through mistreatment, in bondage through strongholds and generational curses, in blindness without vision, and oppressed through a lifetime of burdens.

Healing in the Name of Jesus:

- James 5: ¹⁴ Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in **the name of the Lord:** ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
- Acts 3: 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.
- Acts 4: ¹⁰ Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by **the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Salvation in the name of Jesus:

- Acts 4: ¹² Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is **none other name under heaven** given among men, whereby we must be saved.
- Romans 10: ¹³ For whosoever shall call upon the **name of the Lord** shall be saved.
- John 1: ¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that **believe on his name:**

Colossians 3: ¹⁷ And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the **name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

III. At The Name of Jesus Under The Earth (Power through Authority)

Philippians 2: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, **and things under the earth;**

- The Name of Jesus Name in Heaven gives us Access Through Prayer
- The Name of Jesus Name in Earth gives us Salvation Through Deliverance
- The Name of Jesus Name under the Earth gives us Authority over Unclean Spirits.

When sin entered the earth, we all became enslaved to sin, and victims to unclean spirits.

Ephesians 2: ² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

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We were slaves to sin – slaves to our lusts of the flesh, lusts of the eyes, and pride of life.

Matthew 1: ²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

1 Corinthians 6: ¹¹ And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

James 2: ¹⁹ Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Authority in the Name of Jesus:

- Luke 10: ¹⁹ Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
- Luke 10: ¹⁷ And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.
- Mark 16: ¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Victory in the Name of Jesus:

- Proverbs 18: ¹⁰ The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.
- Psalm 20: ⁷ Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.
- 1 Corinthians 15: ⁵⁷ But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: At The Name of Jesus (Our Spiritual Battle Cry))

Lesson Text

- Matthew 1:19–21, Philippians 2:10–11

Sermon Outline

- I. *At The Name of Jesus In Heaven (Access through Prayer)***
- II. *At The Name of Jesus In Earth (Salvation through Deliverance)***
- III. *At The Name of Jesus Under The Earth (Power through Authority)***

Questions: (What was your main takeaway from this message?)

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. What is the funniest gift you’ve ever given or received?
2. If you could make your own Christmas movie, what would it be about?

II. Into The Bible

1. Read John 14:12–14 and answer the following questions:
 - i) What are the “greater works?”
 - ii) How does the authority of praying “in Jesus’ Name” enable these works?
 - iii) Why did Jesus promise this after his ascension, and how does his going to the Father enable these works?
 - iv) What is the goal of answered prayer?

III. Life Application

1. Since Joseph was told to name Him Jesus, for “He will save His people from their sins”, what does it really mean to ask in Jesus’ name, so your request fits His saving mission? Write a one sentence prayer that aligns with Matthew 1:21, pray it daily, and take note of any nudges God gives you to act.
2. If God entrusted Joseph with naming Jesus, acknowledging His authority to save, what authority has Jesus entrusted to you as His follower today? Pick one area in your life that needs His rule... speak Jesus’ name over it with an appropriate verse; then take one obedient step that matches that declaration.