AT THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

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Topic:
AT THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.
Text: **Philippians 2:9-11**

Prayer
Eternal Rock of Ages, thank You for today, thank You for helping us through, thank You for Your grace upon our lives, we pray that You would continue to be with us in Jesus Christ's name. As we study at your feet together now, please speak to us and give us understanding, help us to be doers of Your word, transform our lives also to showcase Your glory in us and keep us being heaven-minded, In Jesus Christ's mighty name we have prayed. Amen.

Bible Text
Philippians 2:9-11:
"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Introduction
I know we are all familiar with the verses and can even recite them by heart. But, I want us to do something now, we will all read the verses as though we never read it before and we will ponder on the 3 verses. Please, if you are following this teaching, ensure you do this before we continue.
Now, read the verses above with the mindset that you have never read them before and read slowly. Keep reading them for like five times or more slowly and keep pondering on them as you read.

You will feel something if you do this genuinely and intentionally.

Study

Now, let's all go through the verses slowly, pondering upon them as we read.

Today, we are not really looking at what the name of Jesus is or its potency but we are looking at what happens when we utilize that name and put it into action. This is why the topic says; **At the name of Jesus Christ**One of the reasons the teaching is coming out at this time is because many people, even Christians do not know the efficacy of the power in calling that name. This is why you would see comedians use the name jokingly and even Christians will keep promoting such jokes.We parade the name of Jesus as a name that is used jokingly just because we lack the knowledge of what calling the name does. If only God decides to act as a consuming fire whenever we call the name of Jesus in vain, many of us would have been consumed by fire by now.

Many of us really need to use this name in the situation we are passing through, but because we lack the knowledge of what the name does, we call it without putting our faith in it and just call it like every other name and this is why we have been having little or no result.

If you really know what it means to use the name of Jesus Christ, you will know how powerful you are since you have the right to use the name powerfully.

Many of us need to seek God's mercy tonight because of the misuse of that name because some of us have shown lack of reverence for that name when we were joking or playing. Or probably when we were saying many words. See what the Bible says;

EXODUS 20:7:

"Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

DEUTERONOMY 5:11:

"Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

You would wonder why these two different books, chapters and verses carry the same words and meaning. It is due to the emphasis being made on it. Taking or speaking the name of the Lord in vain shows that one lacks reverence for that name and what I will be showing us tonight is how powerful calling the name is so that we will be very conscious of the reason we are calling the name whenever we use it.This will help us utilize and enjoy the power that lies in it. Kindly follow me as we fly...

Let's go back to our text so as to know what calling the name does.**Phil 2:9**: "Wherefore God also hath highly EXALTED him, and GIVEN HIM a NAME which is ABOVE EVERY NAME.

Firstly, the name JESUS came not because He needed to be named when being born only but the name was given to Him as a result of who He was and the assignment He came to the world to fulfill.Do you know that the lamb (Jesus) had been slain right before the foundation of the Earth?**Rev 13:8**: "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Jesus only came to act out what had been done right before the world began. This is one of the reasons it is written that Jesus came to FULFILL the law and not abolish it because His life fulfilled every single thing His father wanted.

This is why the meat of Jesus was to do the will of God.**John 4:34:** "Jesus saith unto them, My MEAT is to do the WILL of him that sent me, and to FINISH HIS WORK."
So, He was given that name because He was exalted and this was because He humbled Himself by coming down to the earth in the form of humans to die for us. This is why none can bear the name JESUS CHRIST apart from him because the name carries power and Jesus earned it through being humble and obedient even unto death according to **Philippians 2:8.**
Let's go on with our text...
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;"
I want to show you what Amplified version of the bible says;
Philippians 2:9-10 AMP
For this reason also [because He obeyed and so completely humbled Himself], God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow [in submission], of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth.
Read what is above👆
Because of what Jesus Christ did and How he humbled Himself, He was given a name that is above every other name. Now, at that name, even at the mention of that name, a lot of things happen. And, the surprising thing is that the name does not only rank highly on Earth, but also in heaven and even underneath the Earth (perhaps, the bottomless pit/hell). That is to show that when God lifts a man, even the heavens will respect and honor that, the kingdom of hell inclusive! Do not forget that two things made God give Jesus that powerful name which are HUMILITY and OBEDIENCE. Are you humble and are you strictly obeying what God has told you?Or you are still partially obeying?

Partial obedience is complete disobedience in the sight of God, kindly take note.
So, like I told us last week, the teaching is meant to enlighten us and inspire us about what calling the name of Jesus can do. And, I showed us where it is written in the word of God that we shouldn't call the name of God in vain. If you have been doing so, kindly seek mercy from God and stop now.If you have always been using the name of Jesus for comedies and jokes, repent and stop now before the wrath of God is unleashed. May we not invoke His wrath upon ourselves in Jesus Christ name, amen.

What the name of Jesus can do when we call it.

1. **Salvation**: The name of Jesus can bring about salvation when we call upon Him in faith and believe in Him. **Romans 10:13:** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."In fact, it takes someone who believes in Him to call upon Him sincerely. I once heard of a Muslim who was in a bus and as the bus was about to summersault or have an accident, he shouted "Jesus" and he was rescued.You might be wondering how possible it is for the name of Jesus to have worked for him. It's because in such a situation, he knew Jesus could save him and shouted His name. Which means he believed in Jesus at that point for him to have called His name and the name of Jesus worked for him. That experience could have even led to his conversion to Christianity.
When you collect something from a little child or you want to beat him or her, such a child begins to scream, "mummy, mummy". Why? Because he/she believes the mum could rescue him or her at that moment from you.So, the name of Jesus is able to save to the utmost. This is one of the things the name of Jesus does when we call it. It has the power to save.

2. **Protection**: Just like the story of the Muslim I just said, the name of Jesus can be called for protection.Many of us have

dreams where we were being attacked and we called the name of Jesus and we were protected. That's because the name protects. This is why it is written

Proverbs 18:10: "The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."No power dares tamper with you when you know how to use the name of Jesus. The reason they are oppressing you and you find it hard to open your mouth is because they don't want you to call that name. But, because of how powerful the name is, you can call it in your heart and it will still work for you. Very powerful and potent.

We believers do not know the power we have at all, that's why darkness will press you and you will wake up scared and lamenting. You don't know the power that lies in you.

Some of us are too used to shouting words that cannot save us whenever we are in danger. Words like, "Yeeee, my head", "haaaa, I'm finished", "I'm doomed" and other sorts of negative words. We do not realize the only name that has been given to us which is powerful enough to guide and protect us whenever we feel we are in trouble. Learn to always call the name of Jesus whenever you feel you are in danger.

3. **Deliverance from demons**: just the way humans are plenteous on Earth, demons are also plenteous. The devil has released legions of demons into the Earth and takes something more powerful to repel these ugly creatures. The name of Jesus can be used to repel any demon and put them in the right place.The reason you will know a demon is around you and yet, you feel powerless is because you are not making use of the name of Jesus. At the mention of the name at all, they tremble and fear because they know they are in trouble.

Remember the story of the girl possessed with a demon in the book of Acts?

Acts 16:16-18:

"And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her

masters much gain by soothsaying: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I COMMAND THEE in the NAME of JESUS CHRIST to come out of her. And he CAME OUT THE SAME HOUR."

Paul commanded the demon to come out in the name of Jesus and it came out instantly. That's mainly because demons can't withstand hearing that. Even the devil, their father trembles when a righteous person calls that.If only you know what your prayer does to the kingdom of darkness whenever you pray, you will always want to pray and you will understand well enough why the devil is fighting strongly against your consistent prayer life.Whenever a righteous and holy man prays, the kingdom of darkness is disturbed because of the effect of His prayers. Do you now see why you need to always pray and why the devil is fighting against your prayer life.

4. **Spiritual authority:** One of things that happens when you call the name of Jesus is that it gives you authority spiritually. The difference between that name and a normal name is because of the power the name of Jesus carries. And, that name gives you authority whenever you call it.
If you look at our text, it says every knee shall bow of things in HEAVEN, on the EARTH and even UNDERNEATH THE EARTH. Which means in everywhere you can think of, the name of Jesus is respected and honored. That underneath the Earth could mean the bottomless pit, this is why I said whenever a righteous man calls the name of Jesus, Hell is disturbed and in a state of confusion.This is why you don't need to show yourself that you are a believer before the kingdom of darkness will know you. As long as you are fervent and you are always living a holy and

righteous life, they will know you even if no man knows you on this Earth.

And, when they know you, they know you as a threat to their kingdom and find means to bring you down. This is why those who think he stands should take heed lest he falls, because the devil is in the lookout.So, spiritual authority is something the name of Jesus gives. Look at the story of the lame man Peter and John met.

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."

What gave Peter the authority to see someone who can't walk to begin to walk? That name!

The name will give you the audacity to do things that are beyond human reasoning and comprehension. This is why they call christians "mad people or fools" because we do not do things by SIGHT but by FAITH. So, we look like aliens and look abnormal. Smiles...

Well, that's who we are, we are abnormal people! Because we do extraordinary and abnormal things!💯 You can't be in Christ and be normal because you have something which is greater than the world inside of you .

Note: Be sensitive during this teaching. If you have any sickness or disease in your body, place your hand on it and shout Jesus Christ and command it to disappear. Whatsoever situation you do not like, call the name of Jesus Christ in it. If you believe in that name, you will receive instant deliverance.

5. **Answers to prayers**: The name of Jesus gives answers to prayers.

John 14:13-14: "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."
Jesus Christ already told us to ask anything in His name, He will do it. However, why don't we receive answers to prayers sometimes when we pray? Well, we will look at that very soon.
Whenever we pray and we call the name of Jesus, answers will come to our request or whatsoever reason we are praying.
And, the last point
6. **It builds faith and brings about unity among believers:** Whenever you call on the name of Jesus, there is this boldness which comes upon you and it increases your faith at that moment. Whenever you are in a confused state or situation, just keep calling the name of Jesus, you will feel relieved and confident.Your faith will tend to be solid at that moment and you become as bold as a Lion. Also, the name of Jesus brings about unity among believers.
Mat 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Whenever we gather as brethren and pray in the name of Jesus, Jesus fellowships with us and there is unity. The only reason there won't be unity is if there is strife amongst them or some aren't calling the name of Jesus with a pure and clear conscience, probably such a person has something against any of the rest. The bond is already broken and disunity is already present.

This is why Jesus stresses on forgiving those who trespass against us so that we can all be of good conscience towards one another.
So, we have looked at what the name of Jesus does whenever we call it. But, you may have the question arising in your heart that why is it that sometimes, it looks like the name of Jesus is not working for you? Let's look at what the cause may be now.

Why it looks as if the name of Jesus does not work for us

1. **When we call it in sin:** The only prayer God desires to hear from a sinner is the prayer of repentance. Also, if a believer finds it comfortable to always commit sin, such might call the name of Jesus and nothing will happen because of a constant living of the life of sin. Such will be a slave to sin and when such a person calls the name of Jesus, demons and darkness will mock such person.
So, for the name of Jesus to be very powerful on the lip of anybody, the person must be living a righteous life, free from sin and contaminations.
2. **When we always joke with the name**: When we joke with the name and make comedies or fun out of it, it might not work when we need it to work for us, because we do not value the name. We do not regard the name nor do we honour it. Let me paint a scenario for us to understand this more better.
If a person usually calls your name almost every time just to joke and make fun of it. Even when you thought the person was serious, the person said he was playing and laughed. The person keeps calling your name for fun now and then.

Now, when the person is in trouble and calls your name, will you answer? The answer is No!
Why?Because you would think he is playing as usual or wants to make fun out of it. This is how many of us have been making fun of playing with the name of Jesus and we expect it to work for us when we truly need it.
3. **When we call the name with fear in us:** Whenever a believer is in a fearful situation, such should not allow fear once he or she knows that calling the name of Jesus would solve the situation. But, when we still allow fear in us and keep calling the name in fear, it shows we do not believe it can save us. We are just "trying out luck" if it would work, which shouldn't be so.
This is why it is written that we have not been given the Spirit of fear, but if power, love and sound mind.

4. **When we lack a genuine personal relationship with the owner of the name**: Some of us are parasitic in nature and just want to use the name whenever we are in trouble but do not care to even know the owner or build personal relationship with Him. We do not want to have a relationship with Him but we want to be able to use the name all the times we need something. Not having a cordial relationship with the owner of the name can make the name not really effective whenever we call it. Because, demons know. Remember the story of the seven sons of sceva?**Acts 19:13-16:** "Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded."

They didn't have a personal relationship with the owner of the name but just wanted to use the power in it and they were dealt with. So, build a strong relationship with Jesus and whenever you call His name, demons and the kingdom of darkness will honour it in your mouth.

Before I round up, let's look at how we can powerfully make use of the name of Jesus.

How to powerfully make use of the name of Jesus Christ

1. Build a strong relationship with Jesus by igniting your fire and secret place
2. Being a studier of His word to know His will, commandments and mind always.
3. Don't just be a studier of His word, also be a doer of the word.
4. Be a prayer addict like Jesus who prayed all night in many cases.

5. Believe in the power in the name of Jesus Christ
6. Do not call the name in vain neither should you make fun or play with the name all in the name of comedy, and shun every comedy where His name is made jest of.
7. Live a life of consecration and holiness.
8. Do not allow unforgivingness or grudges in your heart against others.
9. Do away with fear and unbelief.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

Congratulations, now you are saved. If you prayed this short prayer, please WhatsApp +2347067511039 and let me know that you have just been saved. I want to have a word with you. God bless you!

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