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IN TROUBLE

THE NAME

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.” “And the Word

Can prayer change our country? Can morality be restored? We say yes but do we really believe that we can? The danger of slipping into the stream of unbelief is facing each of us. America is setting new standards of life that are totally contrary to the Word of God. We're being told that we can't make a difference in the course that our country is taking. It is no time for you and me to sit silently and allow our heartfelt beliefs and convictions to be chipped away. I'm not under the belief that the Ship of Zion can't change course to get to her destination. Satan loves to see Christians yield in their convictions and follow the crowd. Standing for our country is more than a vote although voting is so important. Acknowledging our faith and expressing our heartfelt commitments and convictions is a part of our walk with our Lord Jesus Christ. Never be ashamed to use the name of Jesus in public for Jesus is the name above all names. Never be ashamed to denounce sin for sin is the opposite of God. I love my country and served her proudly in the military, but She's in trouble now. I don't have a formula to solve the problem but we can hear from the Spirit and we can make a difference where we live.

was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1,2,14) In the second chapter of the Book of Genesis, we find that God created His man, Adam, and He gave Adam the authority to name every part of His creation. We also find when we search the Holy Scriptures, and even history itself, that everything has a name, and that the name has been placed by a man (or woman). Even the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior, though instructed by an angel, was named such by Joseph, the husband of Mary (Matthew 1).

What am I saying here? I am telling you that God has placed great significance on names. Names not only identify, but they define what or who that is. The name “dog” tells me not only what it might look like, but how it will act. “She” conjures up images of a woman with certain traits and characteristics that would fit most in this world. Proper names like “Michael” bring more specific descriptions to mind, especially of someone you might know with that name. You will recall, when Jesus ministered to those in spiritual or physical need, He always named the circumstance or infirmity. When He said “demon, come out” He was addressing the name, which commanded the attention of the evil entity. What He was saying is, “Demon, you have a name, but there is a name that has been made higher and greater and more powerful than your name and every other name, that is the name of Jesus. So demon, you must bow your knee and obey, at the name of Jesus.”

In Philippians 2:9-11 we read, **“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.”** So, Jesus has been placed over all, and His name has been exalted by the Father such that every other named thing must acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus. Jesus, the Son of God, the Word, was made lower than the angels for a while (Hebrews 2:9-18) that He might become the Captain of our salvation, and that He might give unto us victory over hell, death and the grave by His sacrifice. We have been given His name so that we can take dominion over the earth and the forces of evil, not in our own name, but in His name, the Name that is higher and above every name. Those sins, sicknesses, diseases, infirmities, situations, and every other thing the world throws at you must bow at the name of Jesus. But we must believe in our hearts that there is power in that name, and that we are entitled to use it.

When our Heavenly Father created all that is created, He declared it all to be “good.” This was not an insignificant thing. By doing so, the Father predetermined that all of His creation then, now and throughout eternity will be good. The devil has tried to abort all that God has made good, and that is why Jesus came, not only to redeem man from the penalty of sin, but also to redeem the earth. All of creation is now groaning in expectation of its final redemption, when Christ comes to rule and reign, and ultimately to purge the earth with fire. In the meantime, we are to assume our individual roles as prophets, priests and kings over the earth to take dominion over



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hated of all men for my name's sake, but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." (Matthew 10:22)

In studying the scriptures, we see that names were important. Throughout the Bible, names signified the life and identity of the individual, place or thing. Names were even changed to indicate future characteristics (such as Saul being renamed Paul, and Abram being renamed Abraham).

God has a plan for every life, and it is important for us to understand the significance of names. To deal with a situation, you must first *name the thing*, then take authority over it in the name that is above the named thing and every thing, the Name of Jesus. He has given us that authority. John 14:12-14 tells us, **"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. And whatever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it."**

There is no reason for us to live defeated lives. Christ died on the Cross taking upon Himself all the damnable things of this world. And He has promised to fulfill His Word in us as we act in faith, claiming dominion over the things of this life. It must be done in faith in the Word (Jesus) and the power of His Name, which is above every other thing in creation.

Bro. Mike Woods

GOD'S CREATIVE POWER

THE GREAT CONFESSION—Christianity is called the *great confession*, but most Christians who are defeated in life are defeated because they believe and confess the wrong things.

They have spoken the words of the enemy. And those *words* hold them in bondage. Proverbs 6:1-2 says, **"... Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth."**

Remember: FAITH-FILLED WORDS WILL PUT YOU OVER. FEAR FILLED WORDS WILL DEFEAT YOU. WORDS ARE THE MOST POWERFUL THING IN THE UNIVERSE.

Man is a spirit being, very capable of operating on the same level of faith as God. We read in Mark 9:23, **"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."** Matthew 17:20 says, **"And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you."** March 11:23 says, **"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."**

SPIRITUAL LAW—This is not a theory. It is fact. It is spiritual law. It works every time it is applied correctly. This is a **SPIRITUAL LAW**. *God never does anything without first saying it. God is a faith God. God released His faith in Words. "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God."* (Mark 11:22) A more literal translation of the above verse says, "Have the God kind of faith, faith of God."

Ephesians 5:1 literally tells us to be imitators of God as children imitate their parents. *To imitate God, you must talk like Him and act like Him. He would not ask you to do something you are not capable of doing.*

Jesus operated in the faith principles of Mark 11:23 and Matthew 17:20 while He was on earth. *He spoke to the wind and sea. He spoke to demons. He spoke to the fig tree. He even spoke to dead men. The wind, sea, tree, demons, and even the dead were obedient to what He said. He operated in the God kind of faith. God is a faith God. God released His faith in Words.*

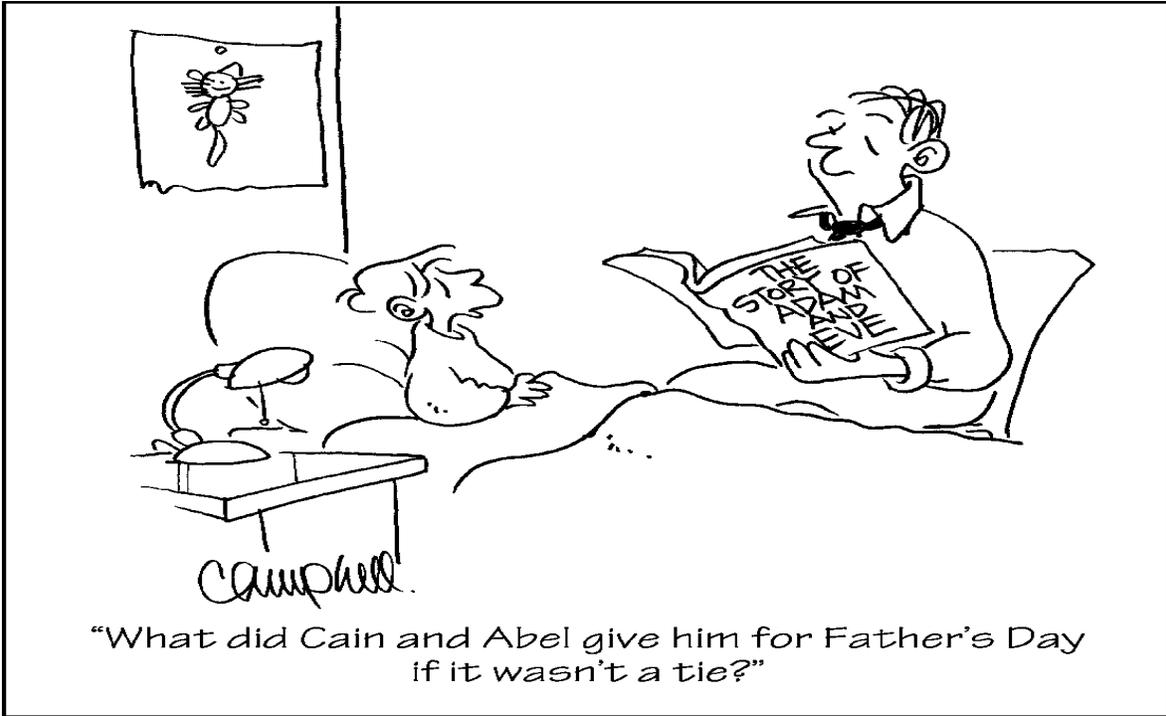
Jesus was imitating His Father and getting the same results as His Father. In John 14:12 Jesus said, **"... He that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also; and greater. . ."** *These principles of faith are based on spiritual laws. They work for whosoever will apply these laws. You set them in motion by the words of your mouth.*

Do you really want all the negative things you have been confessing to come to pass? Are you believing for those things? If Jesus came to you personally and said, from this day forward it will come to pass, that everything you say will happen exactly as you say it; would that change your vocabulary. I believe it would.

BINDING AND LOOSING—In Matthew 16:19 Jesus said, **"I give you the keys of the kingdom, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."** Psalm 119:89 tells us, **"For ever O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."** What God said is already established. Now it is up to you. What are you going to say about it? God will not alter what He has said. **"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips."** (Psalm 89:34) Whose words will you establish on earth? The power of binding and loosing is on earth.

SPOKEN WORDS—Spoken words program your spirit (heart) either to success or defeat. *Words are containers. They carry faith, or fear, and they produce after their kind. "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."* (Romans 10:17) Faith comes more quickly when you hear yourself quoting, speaking, and saying the things God said. You will more readily receive God's Word into your spirit by hearing yourself say it than if you hear someone else say it.

This message represents an excerpt from the book, **"GOD'S CREATIVE POWER"** by Charles Capps. Look for more of this



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good shepherd."*
JOHN 10:11