

The Vincennes Voice

"...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight..." (Matt. 3:3)

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THE NAMES OF JESUS

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God's Son is known by many different names. Here is a good list for you to not only contemplate, but to file away for frequent study.

1) Last Adam (I Cor. 15:45). It was through the first Adam sin came, but it is through Jesus life comes.

2) Advocate (I Jn. 2:1). An advocate is one who makes intercession for another. In this case, Jesus does so for us with His Father, God.

3) Almighty (Rev. 1:8). John's description of Jesus in this place helps illustrate the great and unlimited power of Jesus, His omnipotence. His power is limitless.

4) Alpha and Omega (Rev. 1:8). This name of Jesus contains the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. This phrase is used to illustrate Jesus is everything to those who follow Him. On their own they can do nothing (Jn. 15:5). With Jesus and God, all is possible (Lk. 18:27).

5) Amen (Rev. 3:14). This term simply and literally means, "so be it!" This description illuminates everything about Jesus is true and faithful. There is nothing about Him which is untrue or misleading.

6) Anointed (Psa. 2:2). The book of Psalms is keynoted by the word "coronation." It speaks of the One to come who would be King. David writes of the "anointed" one in Psa. 2.

7) Author And Finisher Of Our Faith (Heb. 12:2). Jesus wrote the book on faith, if you will. No one being ever upon earth has been or will be more faithful than the Son of God. He left us an example to follow (I Pet. 2:21). Are we following?

8) Beloved (Eph. 1:6). No one else is more deserving of being the Beloved than Jesus. He is the Friend willing to lay down His life (Jn. 15:13). He is the High Priest who lived a life such as ours to show it can be done (Heb.

4:15-16). It does not get more beloved than this!

9) Blessed And Only Potentate (I Tim. 6:15). This helps to display Jesus as the only Ruler and Head of the Church (Eph. 5:23-24). Since He is the Head, and is in Heaven, our headquarters is in Heaven. This is where our citizenship belongs (Php. 3:20).

10) Bread Of Life (Jn. 6:48). This name and description of the Lord helps to illustrate our absolute reliance upon Him to be spiritually alive. We must follow His edict to "hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matt. 5:6). Are you?

11) Chief Corner Stone (I Pet. 2:6). The most important block laid a building is the first, the cornerstone. If it is off, even in minuscule fashion, the finished result will be error-filled. When building your foundation, be sure to build it upon Christ and His Word (Matt. 7:24-27).

ADMISSIONS OF HUMILITY

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The Bible champions those who are humble, as evidenced by the words of James. “God...giveth grace unto the humble” (Jam. 4:6). Contrarily, the Bible condemns those who maintain their ungodly pride, as demonstrated by the words of Solomon. “Before destruction the heart of man is haughty” (Prov. 18:12). The Bible offers a glimpse into the language and action of humility. Consider these examples, and strive to mimic them in your life.

1) Abraham. Prior to begging God to spare the evil cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham confessed, “Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes” (Gen. 18:27). We all would do well to remember who we are as we approach God’s throne through prayer. We are to approach Him respectfully (Matt. 6:9), remembering we are the created, not the Creator!

2) Jacob. Anticipating a violent reunion with his brother Esau, Jacob offered a passionate plea to God. He said,

“I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands” (Gen. 32:10). We, too, when entering potentially explosive situations need to be humble and rely upon God, for He is a “refuge” (Psa. 46:1). Remember, “*If God be for us, who can be against us*” (Rom. 8:31).

3) Solomon. Becoming the new king, Solomon was told by God, “*Ask what I shall give thee*” (I Kings 3:5). Part of Solomon’s answer showcases his present humility. He said, “*And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in*” (I Kings 3:7). When man begins to exhibit self-reliance, his pride is showing. May we not be of this population. Rather, may we understand the need for total reliance upon God, for “*in him we live, and move, and have our being*” (Acts 17:28). Jesus said it clearly, “*without me ye can do nothing*” (Jn. 15:5).

4) David. Near the end of his life and reign as king, David lays early groundwork for the temple which his son, Solomon, would build. David asks God, “*But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee*” (I Chron. 29:14). Among the many things David realized was the fact anything the people would offer for the temple was of God already. In other words, to feel empowered and good about yourself is a prideful way to feel about offering to the Lord. May we always acknowledge “*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights*” (Jam. 1:17).

Let us each determine to “*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time*” (I Pet. 5:6), remembering “*whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted*” (Lk. 14:11).

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