

## Outline of the Messages for the Thanksgiving Conference

November 26-29, 2009

### GENERAL SUBJECT: THE PRAYER OF THE AGE

#### Message Four

#### Praying in the Name of the Lord Jesus

**Scripture Reading:** Phil. 2:9-11; Eph. 5:20; Col. 3:17; John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-24

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**Eph. 5:20** Giving thanks at all times for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to *our* God and Father,

**Col. 3:17** And whatever you do in word or in deed, *do* all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**John 14:13-14** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.

**John 15:16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and I set you that you should go forth and bear fruit and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give you.

**John 16:23-24** And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, Whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give to you. **24** Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be made full.

#### **I. The Lord's name is the expression of the sum total of what the Lord Jesus is in His person and work; in the name of Jesus means in the sphere and element of all that the Lord is—Phil. 2:9-11; Acts 3:6.**

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**Acts 3:6** But Peter said, Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I have, this I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene rise up and walk.

#### **II. The name Jesus is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew name Joshua, which means “the Savior,” or “salvation of Jehovah”; this name includes the name Jehovah, which means “I Am Who I Am”—Matt. 1:21; Exo. 3:14:**

**Matt. 1:21** And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for *it is* He *who* will save His people from their sins.

**Exo. 3:14** And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.

#### **A. The name of Jesus is above every name; since the Lord's ascension, there has not been a name on earth above the name of Jesus—Phil. 2:9-11.**

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#### **B. The exalted name of Jesus is for us to believe into (John 1:12), to be baptized into (Acts 8:16; 19:5), to be saved (4:12), to be healed (3:6; 4:10), to be washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Cor. 6:11), to call upon (Rom. 10:13; 1 Cor. 1:2), to pray in (John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:24), to be gathered into (Matt. 18:20), to cast out demons (Mark 16:17; Acts 16:18), and to speak boldly in (9:27).**

**John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

**Acts 8:16** For He had not yet fallen upon any of them, but they had only been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Acts 19:5** And when they heard *this*, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Acts 4:12** And there is salvation in no other, for neither is there another name under heaven given among men in which we must be saved.

**Acts 3:6** But Peter said, Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I have, this I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene rise up and walk.

**Acts 4:10** Let it be known to you all and to all the people of Israel that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified *and* whom God has raised from the dead, in this *name* this man stands before you in good health.

**1 Cor. 6:11** And these things were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

**Rom. 10:13** For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**1 Cor. 1:2** To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, the called saints, with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, *who is* theirs and ours:

**John 14:13-14** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.

**John 15:16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and I set you that you should go forth and bear fruit and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give you.

**John 16:24** Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be made full.

**Matt. 18:20** For where there are two or three gathered into My name, there am I in their midst.

**Mark 16:17** And these signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

**Acts 16:18** And she did this for many days. But Paul was greatly disturbed; and turning, he said to the spirit, I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour.

**Acts 9:27** But Barnabas took hold of him and led *him* to the apostles, and he related to them how *Saul* had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.

C. Satan hates the name of Jesus and utilizes people to attack the name of Jesus—4:17-18; 5:40; 26:9.

**Acts 4:17-18** But in order that this would not be spread further among the people, let us threaten them that they no longer speak based upon this name to anyone. **18** And when they called them, they charged *them* not to utter *anything* at all nor teach based upon the name of Jesus.

**Acts 5:40** And they were persuaded by him. And having called the apostles to *them*, they beat *them* and charged *them* not to speak based upon the name of Jesus; and they released *them*.

**Acts 26:9** Well then, I thought to myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus the Nazarene,

D. The Lord Jesus praised the overcomers in Philadelphia because they did not deny His name; the recovered church has abandoned all names other than that of the Lord Jesus Christ, belonging to the Lord absolutely—Rev. 3:8.

**Rev. 3:8** I know your works; behold, I have put before you an opened door which no one can shut, because you have a little power and have kept My word and have not denied My name.

**III. The name of Jesus signifies authority and power and denotes the fact that God has given Him the all-transcending authority and power, and being in the name of Jesus is for the believers to partake of His name and use this name—Matt. 28:18; Acts**

**Matt. 28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

**Acts 3:6** But Peter said, Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I have, this I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene rise up and walk.

**Acts 4:7** And they stood them in the midst and inquired, By what power or in what name did you do this?

**Acts 4:10** Let it be known to you all and to all the people of Israel that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified *and* whom God has raised from the dead, in this *name* this man stands before you in good health.

- A. To be in the name of the Lord Jesus means that the Lord is bold enough to commit His name to our hands and allow us to use this name—Mark 16:17.

**Mark 16:17** And these signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

- B. The church is a group of people on earth who can use the Lord's name, and God takes responsibility for their action as they use this name—Acts 16:18.

**Acts 16:18** And she did this for many days. But Paul was greatly disturbed; and turning, he said to the spirit, I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour.

- C. There are three results of acting in the Lord's name:

1. God has called men out of the nations into His name; this is the effect of the acting in the Lord's name on man—Matt. 28:19; Acts 3:2-6; 22:16.

**Matt. 28:19** Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**Acts 3:2-6** And a certain man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried *there*, whom they had laid day by day at the door of the temple which is called Beautiful to ask alms from those entering into the temple. **3** And he, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, began to ask to receive alms. **4** And Peter, gazing at him with John, said, Look at us! **5** And he turned his attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. **6** But Peter said, Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I have, this I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene rise up and walk.

**Acts 22:16** And now, why do you delay? Rise up and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name.

2. With the Lord's name, we can deal with all the power of the enemy; this is the effect of the acting in the Lord's name on the devil—Luke 10:17-19; Acts 16:18.

**Luke 10:17-19** And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name. **18** And He said to them, I was watching Satan fall like lightning out of heaven. **19** Behold, I have given you the authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**Acts 16:18** And she did this for many days. But Paul was greatly disturbed; and turning, he said to the spirit, I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour.

3. The Lord's name enables us to go to the Father and speak to Him, and our prayer is answered because of the Lord's name; this is the effect of the acting in the Lord's name toward God—John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:24.

**John 14:13-14** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.

**John 15:16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and I set you that you should go forth and bear fruit and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give you.

**John 16:24** Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be made full.

#### IV. We need to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus—Eph. 5:20; Col. 3:17:

**Eph. 5:20** Giving thanks at all times for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to *our* God and Father,

**Col. 3:17** And whatever you do in word or in deed, *do* all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- A. To be in the Lord's name means to be one with the Lord, to live by the Lord, and to let the Lord live in us—1 Cor. 6:17; John 6:57; Gal. 2:20:

**1 Cor. 6:17** But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

**John 6:57** As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

**Gal. 2:20** I am crucified with Christ; and *it is* no longer I *who* live, but *it is* Christ *who* lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the *faith* of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

1. The Lord came and did things in the Father's name, meaning that He was one with the Father, that He lived by the Father, and that the Father worked in Him—John 5:43; 10:25, 30.

**John 5:43** I have come in the name of My Father, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him.

**John 10:25** Jesus answered them, I told you, and you do not believe. The works which I do in My Father's name, these testify concerning Me;

**John 10:30** I and the Father are one.

2. In the Acts the disciples as the expression of the Lord did even greater things in the Lord's name; they needed to have the Son living in them in order that the Son might be expressed as the Spirit—John 14:12, 19; Acts 3:6; 4:7, 10, 12; 16:18.

**John 14:12** Truly, truly, I say to you, He who believes into Me, the works which I do he shall do also; and greater than these he shall do because I am going to the Father.

**John 14:19** Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live.

**Acts 3:6** But Peter said, Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I have, this I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene rise up and walk.

**Acts 4:7** And they stood them in the midst and inquired, By what power or in what name did you do this?

**Acts 4:10** Let it be known to you all and to all the people of Israel that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified *and* whom God has raised from the dead, in this *name* this man stands before you in good health.

**Acts 4:12** And there is salvation in no other, for neither is there another name under heaven given among men in which we must be saved.

**Acts 16:18** And she did this for many days. But Paul was greatly disturbed; and turning, he said to the spirit, I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour.

- B. In our Christian life and service, we need to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus—Eph. 5:20; Col. 3:17.

**Eph. 5:20** Giving thanks at all times for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to *our* God and Father,

**Col. 3:17** And whatever you do in word or in deed, *do* all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- C. Ephesians 5:20 and Colossians 3:17 indicate that we have been put into a oneness with the Lord; because we are one with Him,

we can use and act in His name:

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**Col. 3:17** And whatever you do in word or in deed, *do* all things in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

1. When we are in the name of the Lord Jesus, we are in Christ, Christ is in us, and we are one with Christ—John 14:20; 1 Cor. 1:30; 6:17.

**John 14:20** In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

**1 Cor. 1:30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

**1 Cor. 6:17** But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

2. To do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus should always remind us that He is one with us, that we are in Him and He in us, that He lives in us, and that we should live in Him—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20-21a.

**Gal. 2:20** I am crucified with Christ; and *it is* no longer I *who* live, but *it is* Christ *who* lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the *faith* of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**Phil. 1:20-21** According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death. **21** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

3. When we declare that we are doing things in the name of the Lord Jesus, the whole universe is reminded that there are people who are absolutely one with Christ; the angels honor this, and all the demons are afraid of this—Acts 3:6; 4:7, 10; 16:18.

**Acts 3:6** But Peter said, Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I have, this I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene rise up and walk.

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**Acts 16:18** And she did this for many days. But Paul was greatly disturbed; and turning, he said to the spirit, I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour.

- D. To do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus is the basic aspect of our Christian life, yet there is also the aspect of regulation; we must be regulated by God's word and by God's will—Matt. 7:21-23.

**Matt. 7:21-23** Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens. **22** Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, *was it* not in Your name *that* we prophesied, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name did many works of power? **23** And then I will declare to them: I never knew you. Depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.

## V. We should pray in the name of the Lord Jesus—John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-24:

**John 14:13-14** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.

**John 15:16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and I set you that you should go forth and bear fruit and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give you.

**John 16:23-24** And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, Whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give to you. **24** Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be made full.

- A. Through resurrection the Lord Jesus was born as the firstborn Son of God and also became the life-giving Spirit, and now we, the believers, in the Spirit, by the Spirit, and with the Spirit can be one with Him—1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17.

**1 Cor. 15:45** So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam *became* a life-giving Spirit.

**1 Cor. 6:17** But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

- B. The reality of the Lord's name is the all-inclusive compound Spirit, who is in our spirit—S. S. 1:3; Exo. 30:23-30; Phil. 1:19; 1 Cor. 6:17.

**S.S. 1:3** Your anointing oils have a pleasant fragrance; / Your name is like ointment poured forth; / Therefore the virgins love you.

**Exo. 30:23-30** You also take the finest spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred *shekels*, and of fragrant cinnamon half as much, two hundred fifty *shekels*, and of fragrant calamus two hundred fifty *shekels*, **24** And of cassia five hundred *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. **25** And you shall make it a holy anointing oil, a fragrant ointment compounded according to the work of a compounder; it shall be a holy anointing oil. **26** And with it you shall anoint the Tent of Meeting and the Ark of the Testimony, **27** And the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense, **28** And the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base. **29** Thus you shall sanctify them that they may be most holy; whatever touches them shall be holy. **30** And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons and sanctify them that they may serve Me as priests.

**Phil. 1:19** For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and *the* bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

**1 Cor. 6:17** But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

- C. To be in the Lord's name means to be one with the Lord, to live by the Lord, and to let the Lord live in us, and to pray "in My name" simply means to pray "in Me"—John 15:4-5, 16; 14:19-20; Gal. 2:20.

**John 15:4-5** Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

**John 15:16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and I set you that you should go forth and bear fruit and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give you.

**John 14:19-20** Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live. **20** In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

**Gal. 2:20** I am crucified with Christ; and *it is* no longer I *who* live, but *it is* Christ *who* lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the *faith* of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

- D. To ask in the Lord's name requires us to abide in the Lord and to let Him and His words abide in us so that we may actually be one with Him—John 15:4-5:

**John 15:4-5** Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

1. While the Lord is moving, acting, motivating, and energizing within us, we will express what we feel within; this is prayer in the spirit—Eph. 6:18.

**Eph. 6:18** By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

2. When we abide in the Lord and let His words abide in us, we are actually one with Him, and He is working within us; then whatever we pray, it is not only we who are praying, for He is praying in our praying—John 15:7.

**John 15:7** If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

3. We cannot have this kind of prayer on our own; this prayer in the spirit comes from the indwelling Christ, through the Spirit, and by His word—14:19-20; 15:7.

**John 14:19-20** Yet a little while and the world beholds Me no longer, but you behold Me; because I live, you also shall live. **20** In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

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