



Journey to Know God by Name

Name: Daystar (2 Peter 1:19)

Summary...

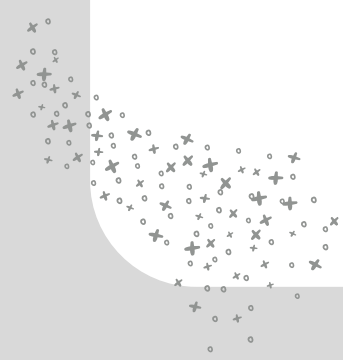
In the passage Peter wrote, you have to remember, Peter was with Jesus all the way to the ascension. Peter had definitely had the Day Star shine in his life and on his life. He gives much encouragement and motivation to the followers of Christ in this letter, or epistle. Peter knew his life was coming to an end, but he wanted to leave a remembrance for the people. He was an eyewitness for the Day Star. He wanted the people to allow Jesus to shine in their hearts as He had shone in Peter's. Peter made sure he gave his account of Jesus, the Father, and His Voice heard from heaven. Peter tells us how to live: live diligently, in faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, kindness, and love. He wanted us to be fruitful and not blind.

My Takaways...

- I don't think we can have the Day Star in our lives without living in His truth.
- There are many things Jesus illuminates in my life, and I need to make sure I am living the life he wants me to live as he spotlights it.
- I love that Peter says we have "Exceeding Great and Precious Promises". We will be partakers in a divine nature. We do not have to live in sin or be sinful in the eyes of God. Thanks to our Day Star!

Notes:

...and the Day Star arise
in your hearts...





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Name: The Rock (Psalm 61:2)

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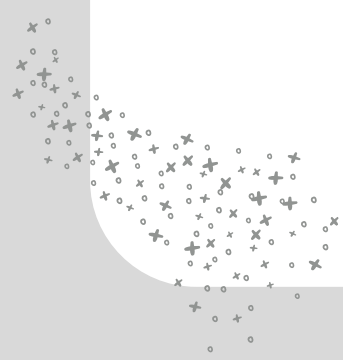
How many times in life are our hearts completely overwhelmed? There are so many areas of our lives that cause stress and worry: jobs, families, sickness, parents, children, our country, financial burdens, the unknown. If we allow it all to overwhelm us, we can quickly become defeated. But the Psalmist knew how to pray, and praying he did. When our hearts get overwhelmed, there is a Rock that is higher than we are - His name is Jesus. He is a constant shelter and tower from Satan. David also trusts the Lord to cover him with wings of protection. He tells us that Mercy and Truth are our preservation. I love that I can depend on Jesus, the Rock, to be my protector in all things.

My Takaways...

- We will get overwhelmed in life; but Jesus is a rock that provides a firm foundation for us. We do not have to be cast down. He is a shelter and tower where we can hide from the destroyer.
- We can find comfort in the mercy and truth of Jesus. They will also preserve our lives.
- I should praise Jesus every single day so that I can live a life that is pleasing to him.

Notes:

...lead me to the rock that
is higher than I.





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Name: The Living Stone (1 Peter 2:4)

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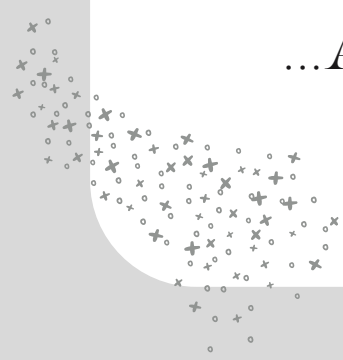
Jesus, though he was the Corner Stone of God, was made a stumbling stone and rock of offense to the disobedient. However, we are a chosen people, and if we have tasted of the Lord, we know that he is good. The Lord is gracious to us, and he is a Living Stone. He never sinned; there was no guile in his mouth. He suffered and bore our sins in his body upon the old rugged cross. His stripes healed us. He is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. Jesus is the foundation of the living, breathing, working Kingdom God is building. If we are to be in this house, we also must be lively stones. Our sacrifices are spiritual, not carnal. We have been called out of darkness into the marvelous light of our Living Stone, Jesus.

My Takaways...

- Jesus is the Living Stone in the Spiritual House God is constructing. He calls us to be Lively Stones built upon the foundation of our Chief Cornerstone. Through our worship and praise we shine a light on others so they can also be lively stones for Jesus.
- Jesus died for us. He bore our sin in his flesh. He is the Shepherd and Bishop of the believers' souls. I want to make sure I am found in his grace and mercy.

Notes:

...As unto a living stone...chosen
of God, and precious...





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Name: The Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14)

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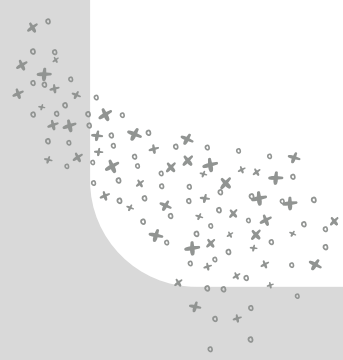
Jesus, our Heavenly High Priest, is touched by our infirmities. He was tempted just like you and me, and he knows the struggles we have fighting the battle every day against sin, our Adam nature, and the devil. We can come before him without fear and ask him to help us. He will show us mercy and help us in his Grace during our greatest times of need. I am so thankful I do not have to pretend with Jesus. He knows me. He knows my weaknesses. He knows what bothers me. He knows what it's like to have hurts, pains, revenge, hatred, rejection, and even betrayal by his closest friends and allies. He will advocate for each of us to his Heavenly Father. Because of his love for us, his death to cover our sins, we can be made whole.

My Takaways...

- I do not want to come short of entering into his rest. I need faith. Those who have unbelief cannot enter this rest.
- God's Word (Jesus - The High Priest) is quick, powerful, and sharper than a sword. He divides our soul and spirit. He know the thoughts and intents of our heart. Everything we do is open and naked before Jesus our High Priest.
- And yet... He feels for me. He knows my humanity. If I ask, he will help me.

Notes:

...Seeing then that we
have a great high priest...





Journey to Know God by Name

Name: Faithful & True (Revelation 19:11)

Summary...

There are so many names for Jesus in this passage. Let's look at them: Faithful & True, and he will judge and make war with all evil with righteousness; The Word of God, clothed in his blood, eyes of fire, many crowns, and a name that no man knew but himself; King of Kings and Lord of Lords written on his thigh. He is also called the Lamb. He will have a bride, and she is all the believers who are not defiled, clothed in the purest of fine linen, white with the righteousness of the saints. He will come on a white horse; and he will judge and make war. Evil will be defeated. Christ will reign. We will attend the marriage supper of the Lamb. Everything he ever told us is true; he has always been faithful to God and to his people.

My Takaways...

- I cannot even begin to imagine what it is going to be like when Jesus comes back as the Faithful & True. But I do believe every sinful person will shudder to think they could have served this might warrior and yet they chose to serve the beast.
- I would rather suffer for the Faithful & True today than to be exalted in the ranks of the evil for a short time. For one day, God's fowls will feast on their flesh as the souls of the wicked are condemned to eternal suffering.

Notes:

...and he that sat upon him was
called Faithful & True...





Journey to Know God by Name

Name: Lion of Judah (Revelation 5:5)

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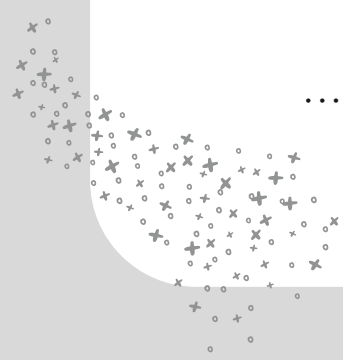
We have already discussed Revelation 5 in another session. But there is still so much to see in this chapter. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy "the sceptre would never depart from Jacob." Jesus will forever have the title "King of Kings." No one will rise above him. There is no way the Lion of Judah will ever be defeated. On Jesus was worthy to open the book sealed with seven seals. When Jesus takes the book, all of heaven bows down to him. They sing to him. I often wonder how many is "10,000 x 10,000 and 1,000s of 1,000s? That is a lot of angels. Every one in heaven, on earth, under the earth, in the sea worshipped and praised the Lion of Judah, the Lamb, forever and ever.

My Takaways...

- If you don't like to worship, Heaven probably isn't a place you want to go. We will be worshipping the Savior for ever and ever. We will be so thankful to be saved and in perfect peace.
- Jesus' character is so diverse. He is Lion, Lamb, and so very much more. I have come to realize this little study cannot even begin to fully unfold all of who Jesus is.
- I definitely want to be in Heaven when this unfolds. I do not want to be part of those who Jesus wars against. I want to be saved!

Notes:

...Behold, the Lion of the Tribe
of Judah...Hath prevailed...





Journey to Know God by Name

Name: Lord of All (Act 10:36)

Summary...

First of all, Jesus is LORD of ALL. With God there is no respecter of persons. He loves each and every one of us. God showed this to Peter in a vision. The Jews had the belief that the Messiah was come to save the Jews only, but not so. He did come to preach to them first, but afterwards, to all mankind. Jesus not only gave them salvation; he gave them the promise of the Comforter (Holy Ghost) as well. I don't think we fully grasp that everything Jesus gave the earliest Jewish believers as well as the disciples is also available to all mankind. God showed this to Peter in the vision of the clean and unclean animals in the first part of the chapter. Jesus is not just Lord of the Jews; he is Lord of all Believers regardless of their religious beliefs.

My Takaways...

- God does keep his covenants, so yes, Jews first with the offer of Salvation. But afterwards, all mankind is given the opportunity to become part of the family of God. Jesus made this clear; Peter made this clear; Paul made this clear; all the other writers in the New Testament and even in the Old Testament made it clear God has room for all! Only those who reject him are turned away.
- I want to make sure Jesus is Lord of my life. It would be an utter shame for me to hear: Depart from me, for I never knew you.

Notes:

...preaching peace by Jesus
Christ (he is Lord of all)...

