Giving Honor To The Name Yahweh

This article explains why the name of our Heavenly Father, Yahweh, has been covered up and deleted from many translations of Scripture. Thus, <u>Christianity has come to believe that His holy name is</u> **USELESS**. The third commandment is, "Thou shalt not take the name of **Yahweh** thy Elohim in vain; for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain," Exodus 20:7. Does taking His name in vain only mean that we are not to use His name wrongly?

The definition of "in vain" from the *Strong's* data in Bible Works 6.0 is, "7723 "In shav' {shaw} or "shav {shav} Meaning: 1) emptiness, vanity, falsehood 1a) emptiness, nothingness, vanity 1b) emptiness of speech, lying 1c) worthlessness (of conduct)." The *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* #7723 has this to say on the meaning of the word vain, "from the same as 7722 in the sense of *desolating*; evil (*as destructive*), lit. (*ruin*) or mor. (espec. *Guile*); fig. *Idolatry* (as false, subj.), *uselessness*, (as deceptive, obj.; also adv. in vain):"Thus, it is not only wrong to wrongly use the name Yahweh, but also, to say that the name, Yahweh, is **useless (not necessary to be used)** is in violation of the third commandment.

Not only is it wrong to bring Yahweh's name to "emptiness of speech," rendering it useless, or to say that the use of His name has no worth, rending it "worthless;" but also satan has an agenda to keep you from acknowledging the importance of our Heavenly Father's holy name, Yahweh. Read the rest of this article to find out what satan's agenda is and what the Scriptures say concerning the holy name of our Heavenly Father, Yahweh.

Giving Honor To Thy Name

By many it is reasoned that when they live a moral life then that is what truly gives honor to the name of our Heavenly Father, but the name itself does not have to be known. However, how is covering up or even refusing to acknowledge that our Heavenly Father has a name; or proclaiming that His Name is something other than it is, giving honor to His Holy Name?

Many simply do not even realize what our Heavenly Father's name is, but if one were to find out what His Name is, don't

you think it would be best to honor it? Doesn't it go without reason that after learning what someone's name is that in order to give honor to their name that their name must be made known?

Take for instance the *Blank* family who was honored for their generous, caring and kind acts of mercy. Each family member not only forgave their attackers for attacking them, but when their attackers became victim to a car crash when fleeing the crime scene and needed blood to survive, the _____ family donated the blood needed and saved the lives of their attackers.

If we do not put the family's name in the _____ how will we know which family deserves that honor? If we put the wrong name in the _____ does the proper family get the honor they deserve? How about if we fill in the ____ with a title, the human family, does that give honor to the proper family?

Which Elohim (God) Do You Serve?

In 1 Corinthians 8:5 we are informed that "there be gods many, and lords many," so if we simply refer to the one that we serve with these generic terms then the one that we serve is not set apart from the many other gods. Or if we refer to our Heavenly Father by a false name, then His true identity is distorted. Why would a person not want to make it known which Elohim (Mighty One) it is that they serve, and why would a person not want to identify Him by the name that He calls Himself? By doing that it would make it seem as though they are ashamed of the one they serve or that they are dissatisfied with the name that He calls Himself.

Who are we to say His name is something other than what he calls Himself? (Isa. 42:8) It is revealed in Mark 8:38, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." This can also be noted in Luke 9:26 and 12:9. Our Savior said, "I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world…" (Jn. 17:6), but are we ashamed of His words and are we not willing to manifest our Heavenly Father's name to others as He did?

Some have the knowledge of our Heavenly Father's holy name, but do not use it because it is absent in their congregation. So because their congregation does not use it, they feel ASHAMED to use it. We who have the knowledge of the truth concerning our Heavenly Father's holy name are made to feel ashamed to use it by those who do not use it; but it shouldn't be that way. The Apostles rejoiced "that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name" (the name of our Savior, Acts 5:41), likewise, we should count it a blessing if we are counted worthy to suffer shame concerning the truth of any matter. We should not allow others to make us feel ashamed to hold true to the truth.

Our Savior continues, "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name..." (Jn. 17:12). "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We *are*" (Jn. 17:11). It is obvious that even while our Savior is no longer with us here on earth that we are to manifest our Heavenly Father's holy name.

However, could it be that those who do not have the knowledge of our Heavenly Father's holy name, even though they say they serve the one and only true Elohim, really do not know Him? How well do we really know a person if we don't even know what their name is? (1 Jn. 2:4; 3:23) How can we really claim to know the one we serve if we do not even know what His name is? It is revealed in Micah 4:5 that "all people will walk every one in the name of his Elohim, and we will walk in the name of Yahweh our Elohim for ever and ever." This is evident in 1 Kings 18:24 when Elijah told the prophets of Baal, "...call ye on the name of your Elohim, and I will call on the name of Yahweh: and the Elohim that answereth by fire, let Him be Elohim. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken." And Jeremiah 16:20-21 reads, "Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods? Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that My name is Yahweh."

Many who worship false Elohim (mighty-one) honor the name of their Elohim better than many who worship the Creator of heaven and earth, because they declare the name of their Elohim. We are told in Psalm 29:2, "Give unto Yahweh the glory due unto His name; worship Yahweh

in the beauty of holiness." When giving glory to the name, Yahweh, in our worship, our worship is in the beauty of holiness. Thus, the name, Yahweh, should not be absent when we worship.

In Judges 13:17-18 Manoah said unto the angel of Yahweh, "What is Thy name, that when Thy sayings come to pass we may do Thee honour? And the angel of Yahweh said unto him, Why askest thou thus after My name, seeing it is secret?" In order to properly give honor Manoah wanted to know His name. Although no name was given, it was not given because the angel was not seeking honor. "The angel of Yahweh said unto Manoah, Though thou detain Me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto Yahweh..." (v. 16) "So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto Yahweh..." (v. 19)

Declare His Name!

Many may reason that because they do not know what our Heavenly Father's name is then they are better off not to use any name, and they may also reason that none of us really know what His name is. Thus, His name really is not all that important or His name is so holy that He is not revealing it to us, but none of this reasoning has Scriptural backing. Please consider what the Scriptures do say about our Creator's holy name, "For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew My power in thee, and that My Name might be declared throughout ALL THE EARTH" (Rom. 9:17). This is echoed from what is written in Exodus 9:15-16, "For now I will stretch out My hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth. And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee My power; and that My Name may be declared throughout ALL THE EARTH."

Please note that it is our Heavenly Father's purpose to have His name be declared throughout all the earth. When Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh they didn't use the generic terms God or Lord alone to identify the Elohim that Israel was to serve. "...Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, 'Thus saith Yahweh Elohim of Israel, Let My people go, that they may hold a feast unto Me in the wilderness.' And Pharaoh said, 'Who is Yahweh, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I know not Yahweh, neither will I let

Israel go" (Ex 5:1,2 [also note the same in Ex. 10:3]). It was not that Pharaoh did not identify with any Elohim, the Egyptians worshiped and served many Elohim; but Pharaoh did not identify with "Yahweh Elohim."

In order to identify the Elohim that Moses served the generic terms God or Lord alone wouldn't do it and in order to identify the one that we serve those generic terms alone won't do it. Many different religions across the world call upon a God, but the God they call on is not necessarily the same Elohim I worship. And in order to identify which God they are calling on often times they use *their* God's name, but the same should be true of us. **In order to properly identify the one that we worship His Name must be used,** that is, according to Scripture. Our Creator wants His name to be known by the nations who do not serve Him so that there will be no mistake in knowing that He is not the same Elohim they are serving (1 Kings 8:41-43; 2 Chro. 6:32,33; Ps. 83:17; Ez. 39:6,7).

Not only is it declared in Scripture that it is our Heavenly Father's purpose that His name be declared throughout all the earth, but it is declared in Scripture that His people will know His name in spite of this world's attempt to hide the identity of the Creator of heaven and earth and all that in them is. Isaiah 52:5-6 reads, "Now therefore, what have I here, saith Yahweh, that My people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith Yahweh; and My name continually every day is blasphemed. Therefore MY PEOPLE shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am He that doth speak: behold, it is I."

Question: What are people really saying when they proclaim that we don't really know what the name of our Heavenly Father is? They are saying (some in ignorance) that we really are not His people. What then are they saying when they say that they do not know what His name is? By demonstration they are saying that they are not His people, because His people know His name. By declaring what the name of our Heavenly Father is, we are declaring that we truly are His people.

Ye Shall Know The Truth!

Don't allow people to dupe you into believing that we are not able to know the things that are revealed in Scripture. If Scripture says His people will know His name then if we truly are His people we will know His name. John 8:31-32 reads, "...If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed; And **ye shall know the truth**, and the truth shall make you free." To know the truth, "is good and acceptable in the sight of Elohim our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to **come unto the knowledge of the truth**." (1 Tim. 2:3-4)

Don't allow someone to cause you to believe that you cannot know the truth just because they do not know the truth, because if we truly have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us then it is revealed that "when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into ALL TRUTH:" (Jn. 16:13). Thus, when people say that they do not know what the name of our Heavenly Father is, not only are they (without knowing it) making the proclamation that they are not His people, because His people shall know His name (Isa. 52:6); but also, they are making the proclamation that they do not have the Holy Spirit dwelling within them, because if the Holy Spirit was dwelling in them, they would know these truths concerning our Heavenly Father's holy name because the Holy Spirit guides us into all truth... or at least they would not reject these truths concerning our Heavenly Father's holy name when they are brought to light.

Yahweh winks at ignorance, but when these truths are revealed, He "...commandeth all men every where to repent," Acts 17:30. The Holy Spirit dwells within us as long as we obey the truths that are revealed to us (Acts 5:32). Thus, it is in our best interest not to quench the Spirit by ignoring or rejecting these truths. Furthermore, it is revealed in 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 that those who do not have the love of the truth, that they might be saved, "for this cause Yahweh shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth..." And in Hosea 4:6 it is revealed, "...because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to Me..."

If we are looking forward to being in that priestly kingdom (Rev. 1:6; 5:10) then we ought to not reject the knowledge that is revealed to us.

Cursings & Blessings

According to Scripture, which is truth (Jn. 17:17), our Creator makes His name known unto His people (Isa. 52:6). "Yahweh's voice crieth unto the city, and **the man of wis-**

dom shall see Thy Name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it," Micah 6:9. "If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto My Name, saith Yahweh of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart," Malachi 2:2. Jeremiah 10:25 agrees, "Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know Thee not, and upon the families that call not on Thy Name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate."

Although there is a curse upon those who do not lay it to heart to give glory unto the name Yahweh, Psalm 91:14 reads, "Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My Name." And Acts 10:43 reads, "To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His Name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." If "all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins," should a common person such as myself be discredited for echoing the same message? (Mt. 25:40,45)

Our Creator's name is not something that we should forsake and His name is not lost to our generation. In Exodus 3:15 Yahweh said unto Moses, "Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, Yahweh Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is My name FOR EVER, and this is My memorial unto ALL GENERA-TIONS." In Psalm 45:17 it is revealed, "I will make Thy Name to be remembered in ALL GENERATIONS: therefore shall the people praise Thee for ever and ever." Without the name of our Heavenly Father being remembered the people of this earth would not know who to rightfully praise, but, "Thy name, O Yahweh, endureth FOR EVER; and Thy memorial, O Yahweh, throughout ALL GENERATIONS," Psalms 135:13.

A memorial is something to remember, but this world does not take it to heart to remember our Heavenly Father's holy name. If we too do not take it to heart to remember our Heavenly Father's Holy Name are we conforming to the Scriptures or to this world? (Rom. 12:2; 1 Jn. 2:15-16) It is clear that the Scriptures instruct us to remember His Name, so those who do not remember His Name have either unknowingly conformed to this world

or they have purposely conformed to this world.

When we have learned the truth that we are to remember His Name, hopefully, we who have unknowingly conformed to this world by not remembering our Heavenly Father's Name will conform to what the Scriptures instruct and remember His Name.

Satan Seeks To Devour

Consider this: The memorial name of our Heavenly Father, the name that our Creator said would be declared throughout all the earth and is to be remembered in all generations, has been deleted from the Scriptures through the translators. It is beyond people's comprehension that our Creator would allow this to happen if His name is that important of an issue. Thus, because our Heavenly Father's name has been deleted from most translated Scriptures they feel that His name can't be that important. However, could it be that satan is attempting to show that our Creator is not true to His Word by trying to keep every generation from knowing His name, so that it won't be declared throughout all the earth as instructed in Scripture?

Satan is trying to cause us to forget the Heavenly Father's name not only through prophets/preachers (Jer. 23:27), but also by causing the translators to delete our Heavenly Father's holy name from the Scriptures (Jer. 8:4 [our Heavenly Father's name remains in the Hebrew writings, but is left out and/or changed in many translations]). This is simply the case of the liar trying to show that the one who caught him in his lie as being a liar. However, the tables will not be turned on Yahweh (Isa. 34:16; 55:11). I am doing my part to keep Yahweh's name a memorial, how about you?

If satan can manipulate the situation to cause something to go against what the Scriptures say then the Scriptures will look as if they are not true to our Heavenly Father's Word. Thus, satan has influenced the translators to "not transliterate" but to translate and change our Heavenly Father's Holy Memorial Name in many translations of the Scriptures. However, if a person would only read in many prefaces of translations of the Scriptures, they would see the translator's true research on the Great Name Yahweh: they know the name, but follow the traditions of men! Satan also has influenced many who teach the Scriptures not to use the name Yahweh in an attempt to cause

Yahweh's people to forget His holy name. However, the Scriptures are true to Yahweh's Word. Thus, our Heavenly Father's name is being declared throughout all the earth (Ex. 9:16; 1 Cor. 8:5) and His Name has been remembered in all generations (Ex. 3:15; Ps. 45:17; 135:13) despite satan's attempt to prove Yahweh's Word untrue.

The Restitution Of All Things

There are a number of translations of the Scriptures that have our Heavenly Father's name properly transliterated in them (I have 10 or so) and there are many who do teach the Scriptures that have not forsaken our Heavenly Father's holy name with the titles The Lord, LORD God, GOD, Adoni, Ha Shem, etc. Furthermore, there are hundreds of web sites declaring Yahweh's name throughout the earth. Although satan has deceived many to be a part of the cover up of our Heavenly Father's holy name, I hope that you do not allow satan's plot to prove Yahweh's Word to be untrue to take you captive. Yahweh's people do know His name (Isa. 52:6).

From satan's deceptive influence our Heavenly Father's name, Yahweh, has been replaced in many translations with a title, the LORD. This is not only against our Heavenly Father's will for us not to delete from His Word, but also it is against our Heavenly Father's will for us not to add to His Word (Dt. 4:2; 12:32; Josh 1:7; Pro. 30:6; Ecc. 3:14; Rev. 22:18-19). Simply put, satan has caused many translators to leave the name Yahweh out of the translated Scriptures and has caused them to add a title in its place. Don't empower satan to keep our Heavenly Father's name covered up by ignoring the importance of His perfect will (Mt.7:21), that we are not to add to or diminish from His Word of truth. Learn where our Heavenly Father's holy name has been deleted from the Scriptures and restore His holy name where it should be. By doing this the Elijah message rings out to restore all things before the return of our Savior (Mt. 17:11), which will include the restitution of our Heavenly Father's holy name.

Please note what we are told in Matthew 23:39, "For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed <u>is</u> he that cometh in the name of Yahweh." Luke 13:35 reveals the same and Acts 3:21 reveals this concerning our Savior, "Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which Yahweh hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world

began." Thus, the return of the Messiah still is not at hand because the name Yahweh is still yet to be restored.

The word of truth says that it is our Heavenly Father's will that His name be declared throughout all the earth, and our Savior followed through with the will of His father. In John 17:6 our Savior says, "I have manifested Thy name unto the men which thou gavest Me out of the world..." And in John 5:43 our Savior reveals, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." This holds true even today, many Christians want nothing to do with a person who comes in our Heavenly Father's holy name, Yahweh; they would rather a person come to them in another name, *the name of the Lord*.

Are we following in the footsteps of our Savior by declaring what our Heavenly Father's holy name is so that it is kept a memorial (1 Pet. 2:21; 1 Jn. 2:6) or has satan caused us not to even know what his name is? Satan has caused most to think that our Heavenly Father's name is not important at all and does not need to be used. Thus, one may know what His name is, but they do not declare what it is to others so in doing so, it is not kept as a memorial, which plays right into the hands of satan rather than giving heed to what our Heavenly Father's perfect will is as recorded in Scripture.

In The Last Days

Of our time today, "the last days" (Acts 2:17), it is revealed that, "...whosoever shall **call on the name of Yahweh** shall be saved," Acts 2:21. This is quoted from Joel 2:32, but it is revealed in Joel 2:32 that those who call on the name, Yahweh, will be "the **REMNANT** whom Yahweh shall call." The vast majority of those who claim to be saved will refuse to call on the name Yahweh, but the remnant whom Yahweh will choose will call on His holy name. Thus, as Scripture says, "only a **REMNANT** will be saved" (Rom. 9:27; Isa. 10:22).

There are many congregations claiming to be "the remnant," but unless they call on the name of Yahweh Scripture reveals that they are not the remnant; because the remnant will "call on the name of Yahweh" (Joel 2:23). Those who do not call on the name Yahweh clearly are not in good standing and are not the remnant as they may claim to be. We are warned in 1 Corinthians 10:12, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

Romans 10:13 speaks of the same, "whosoever shall **call upon the name of Yahweh** shall be saved." And Revelation 15:4 reads, "**Who shall not fear Thee, O Yahweh, and glorify Thy name**? for Thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest."

Something for further consideration of why satan is so pressed to cover up and distort the holy name of our Heavenly Father is found in Revelation 14:1, which reads, "KJV And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His father's name written in their foreheads." At first glance the importance of this verse of Scripture might not stand out, but when aligning it with other verses of Scripture it becomes evident that the holy name of our Heavenly Father is crucial to His children. What would you make of children who deny their earthly father's name? What should be said of those who deny their spiritual Father's name?

Safety In His Name

In Revelation 14:1 it should also be noted that there is a reference to what is in the foreheads of the hundred and forty four thousand. Our Heavenly Father's holy name is in the foreheads of the hundred and forty four thousand. Revelation 22:4 also gives witness to what is in the foreheads of the servants, "...His name shall be in their foreheads." When cross-referencing these verses of Scripture with Revelation 7 it becomes evident what the seal is that is spoken of in Revelation 7. Our Heavenly Father's holy name is the seal of the hundred and forty four thousand. Consider what we are told in Proverbs 18:10, "The name of Yahweh is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, AND IS SAFE."

The hundred and forty four thousand that Revelation 7 refers to are sealed with our Heavenly Father's holy name in their foreheads, and are safe from the destruction that is coming upon this earth. I hope that all who come to this knowledge will not continue to deny the importance of our Heavenly Father's holy name, because "The name of Yahweh is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, AND IS SAFE," Proverbs 18:10.

Revelation 7:1-4 reads, "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the

four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living Elohim: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have **sealed** the servants of our Elohim **in their fore-heads**. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed **an hundred and forty and four thousand** of all the tribes of the children of Israel."

Although horrific destruction will fall upon this earth the righteous will be saved out of the destruction by being sealed in their foreheads (Rev. 7:1-4) with the name of our Heavenly Father (Pro. 18:10; Rev. 14:1; 22:4). Psalm 91:1-16 reads, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of Yahweh, He is my refuge and my fortress: my Elohim; in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made Yahweh, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nighthy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My Name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him My salvation."

Please note that in 2 Peter 1:20 we are told, "Knowing this first; that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation." With this information it is revealed that Scripture interprets Scripture. In other words, when we are told in Revelation 7 about the seal being in the foreheads of the hundred and forty four thousand, Revelation 14:1 gives the interpretation of what the seal is because

Revelation 14:1 tells us what is in the foreheads of the hundred and forty four thousand. The name of our Heavenly Father, Yahweh, is in the foreheads of the hundred and forty four thousand.

A Seal Or A Sign?

It is taught by many that the seal in Revelation 7 is a reference to the Sabbath because the Sabbath is a "**SIGN**" (Ex. 31:13-17; Eze. 20:12,20). However, in Exodus 13:4-10 the Passover service is also said to be "for a **SIGN** unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes (in your forehead), that Yahweh's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath Yahweh brought thee out of Egypt. Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in His season from year to year." (vv. 9-10)

So, if the word "SIGN" is what identifies what the seal is in Revelation 7 then the Passover service would better describe what the seal is, because it is the memorial about Yahweh's Passover that "shall be for a SIGN unto thee…for a memorial between thine eyes," or in your forehead (Ex. 13:9). There is nothing in Scripture that tells us that the Sabbath is what is in the foreheads of the hundred and forty four thousand, but Scripture does say that the name of our Heavenly Father is in the foreheads of the hundred and forty four thousand (Rev. 14:1). It can also be noted that "the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments" are also "for a SIGN upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes," or in your forehead (Dt. 6:1,8; 11:1,18).

The commandments, the statutes, the judgments, the Sabbath, and the Passover service *is a sign*, but that is not what the seal is that Revelation 7 speaks of. The seal that is spoken of in Revelation 7 is revealed to be the holy name of our Heavenly Father. **Our Heavenly Father's holy name is what is found to be in the foreheads of the hundred and forty four thousand (Rev. 14:1; 22:4). The name Yahweh is what the righteous find safety in (Ps. 18:10). That is why satan does not want you to identify yourself with our Heavenly Father's holy name, Yahweh.**

We are told in Revelation 12:13, "when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child." And in Revelation 12:17 we are told, "the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of Yahweh, and have the testi-

mony of Yahushua Messiah." But don't forget that in reference to "the remnant whom Yahweh shall call," Joel 2:32 informs us, "that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be delivered..." Clearly, "The name of Yahweh is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, AND IS SAFE," Proverbs 18:10. Thus, satan is seeking to keep those who believe in His commandments from calling on the name, Yahweh.

We are instructed in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Thus, we must be sober in the word of truth and not allow outside influences to cause us to follow after something that is not true. Satan has this whole world deceived on a variety of issues (Rev. 12:9), which includes the importance of our Heavenly Father's holy name, Yahweh.

Thinking To Cause Us To Forget His Name

Because "The name of Yahweh is a strong tower," and "the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (Pro. 18:10), satan does what he can to cause people to forget the name Yahweh so they won't be safe. Please note what we are told in Jeremiah 23:26-28, "How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; Which **think to cause My people to forget My name** by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, **as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal**. The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath My Word, let him speak My Word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith Yahweh."

In these verses of Scripture "the chaff" is likened to those who have caused Yahweh's people to forget His holy name. Did you know that there were prophets out there that think to cause our Creator's people to forget His name? It's not that the preachers of today have an agenda to cause you to forget our Heavenly Father's holy name, Yahweh: Yahweh's name has already been long forgotten. That is why we are instructed in Jude 3, "...that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Thus, the name Yahweh needs to be restored to the pulpit, because the prophets of old did not neglect to declare our Heavenly Father's holy name. This is evident from reading through the Old Testament where there are nearly 7000 references to our Heavenly Father's holy name,

YAHWEH, but many would never know it because the name Yahweh has been deleted from many translations and many titles such as the LORD, LORD GOD, God and others has been added in its place.

Do you know of any preachers that remind you what the name of our Heavenly Father is? Most preachers do not use the name today because our Heavenly Father's name has been forgotten for Baal, although from time to time most will make a reference to the name Yahweh. Do you know what it means when it says, "their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal" (Jer. 23:27)? It simply means that Baal is used in place of our Heavenly Father's name, Yahweh. But you may say that you have never heard "Baal" used in place of our Heavenly Father's name, Yahweh; but when learning what the word Baal means it becomes clear what is meant when it says, "their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal."

When translating the word Baal in English it simply means, **Lord**. Preachers of today no longer preach in the name, Yahweh, they preach in the name of the **Lord**. Thus, the name, Yahweh, has been forgotten for Baal/Lord. The definition of "for Baal" from the *Strong's* data in Bible Works 6.0 is, "1168 **B**; Ba`al {bah'-al} Meaning: Baal = "**lord**" n pr m 1) supreme male divinity of the Phoenicians or Canaanites 2) a Reubenite 3) the son of Jehiel and grandfather of Saul n pr loc 4) a town of Simeon, probably identical to Baalath-beer)." Further notations on Baal have been noted at the end of this article under the word, Baal.

Pure Worship

When the Scriptures say that our Heavenly Father's name has been forgotten for Baal this is not to say that all who call our Heavenly Father Lord worship Baal. It is only saying that Scripture is true to its Word when it says that the name of our Heavenly Father has been forgotten for Baal (Jer. 23:27); because people use the term Lord/Baal in place of our Heavenly Father's holy name. It is still our Heavenly Father that many are *attempting to* worship when they call upon him, however, when they him Lord in place of His holy name, Yahweh, taints their worship because it is not acceptable to delete the name Yahweh from Scripture and to add the title Lord or God in place of His holy name. There is such a warning as vain worship (Mt. 15:9; Mk. 7:7; Isa. 29:13).

Just because we direct our worship towards our Creator does not mean that it is an acceptable form of worship (Mt.

7:21-23). In John 4:23 it is revealed that "the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him." This does not leave room for things to be added to or deleted from the Word of truth, "Yahweh is a Spirit: and they that worship Him MUST worship Him in spirit AND IN TRUTH," John. 4:24.

Sad, but true, our Heavenly Father's name has been forgotten for Baal/Lord as prophesied by Jeremiah (23:27). You may have heard it said, "Let's put Christ back into Christmas;" but it should be said, Let's put Yahweh's name back into the Scriptures. Yahweh's name has been deleted from many translations, so it would be best to get a translation that has Yahweh's name restored in it or learn how to restore His name in the translation that you already have. Let's make Yahweh's name a memorial as intended (Ex. 3:15; Ps. 45:17; 135:13); by doing so we will be doing the will of our Heavenly Father.

Holy & Reverend Is His Name

In Psalm 111:9 it is revealed, "He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever: Holy and Reverend is His Name." In Isaiah 12:2-4 it is recorded, "Behold, Elohim is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for Yah Yahweh is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise Yahweh, call upon HisName, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His Name is exalted." Psalm 96:8 reads, "Give unto Yahweh the glory due unto His Name: bring an offering, and come into His courts." And in Hebrews 13:15 it is written, "...let us offer the sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name."

Some contend that our Creator has many names and that the name Yahweh is only one of those names and does not have to be set above His many other names. But in Acts 4:12 it is recorded, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." If it were true that He has many names, the fact of the matter is that only one of those names is given "whereby we must be saved," and that one and only name "whereby we must be saved" is rejected by the vast majority of Christianity. How Heartbreaking!

Scripture is clear that our Creator only gives glory to one name. Isaiah 42:8 reads, "I am Yahweh: that is My Name: and My glory will I not give to another (name), neither My praise to graven images." And in Isaiah 48:11 it is recorded, "For Mine own sake, even for Mine own sake, will I do it: for how should My name be polluted? and I will not give My glory unto another (name)."

It is not our Heavenly Father's will for us to neglect His holy name Yahweh and use the title Lord/Baal in its place, "For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name" (Hos. 2:17). "For thou shalt worship no other Elohim: for Yahweh, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous Elohim" (Ex. 34:14). "And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their Elohim, and destroy the names of them out of that place" (Dt. 12:3). "And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other Elohim, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth" (Ex. 23:13). "But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight. Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another Elohim: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips. (Ps. 16:3,4)

With this evidence it is clear that we are not to follow along with those who claim that there is nothing wrong with replacing the name of Yahweh with the title, Lord. Our Savior even exclaimed, "Hallowed be Thy name" (Mt. 6:9; Lk. 11:2). Our Savior also said, "I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy Word... And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy Name: those that thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled" (Jn. 17:6,11-12). Thus, it is clear that in places like Luke 4:16-21, when our Savior "stood up for to read" and "found the place where it was written" where His Father's name was, He read what was written and didn't substitute His Father's name with a title as the custom is today. Just because the manuscripts of the New Testament that are available to us today do not have Yahweh's name written where our Savior spoke, the manuscripts of the Old Testament from which our Savior was reading from did have His Father's name in them. Even the oldest copies of the Greek Septuagint have the name, Yahweh, written in Hebrew.

Just think about how it would be if the teachers of Yahweh's Word read the Scriptures without Yahweh's name being deleted. The name Yahweh would continually be on our mind and we would no longer be made to feel ashamed when using His name among brethren. Malachi 3:16 reads, "Then they that feared Yahweh spake often one to another: and Yahweh hearkened, and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared Yahweh, and that thought upon His name."

"False Prophets" Come In His Name

Many are skeptic of those who speak in the name Yahweh because of what we are told in Matthew 24:5 and Mark 13:6, which reads, "For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Messiah/Anointed; and shall deceive many." Thus they somehow reason that those who come in His TRUE NAME must be false prophets while at the same time they erroneously teach that it is somehow acceptable for them to use a name that is miss-transliterated. I surely do hope that those who have that line of thinking will come to the proper understanding that a true prophet is not going to try to establish truth from using something that is inferior to what the truth actually is. The prophets that do that are false prophets. (1 Jn. 2:21)

To say that true prophets do not come in His name would be calling our Savior a false prophet, because He came in His Father's name (Jn. 5:43). The reason that false prophets come in His name is because they are trying to come across as being a true prophet. A good forgery is ever so close to the genuine, so, what should be said of the prophets and teachers that do not even know His name or refuse to use it? They clearly are false prophets and teachers because "...all the [TRUE] prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). And yet there are still those who refuse to acknowledge the importance of the Sacred Name (Joel 2:32; Jn. 3:18; 20:31; Acts 2:21; Rom. 10:13; 1 Cor. 1:2; 1 Jn. 5:13).

It is recorded in Deuteronomy 18:20, "But the prophet, which shall presume to **speak** a word **in My Name**, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall **speak in**

the name of other Elohim, even that prophet shall die." It is in the name, Yahweh, that we are to speak, but many reject those who come in the name, Yahweh, just as our Savior was rejected when He came in His Father's name (Jn. 5:43).

Also, Matthew 7:22-23 is used to say that there is no value to using His holy name because of what we are told in these verses of Scripture, which reads, "Many will say to Me in that day, **Lord**, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity."

With this information it is reasoned that there is no profit in doing anything "in Thy name," because those who did those things, "in Thy name," were told, "I never knew you: depart from Me." However, those who proclaimed that they did all of those things, "in Thy name," were not told, "I never knew you: depart from Me," because they did those things "in Thy name;" they were told, "I never knew you: depart from Me," because they were workers of "iniquity."

Ye That Work Iniquity

To prophesy "<u>in Thy name</u>" is not iniquity! To cast out devils "<u>in Thy name</u>" is not iniquity! And to do wonderful works "<u>in Thy name</u>" is not iniquity; but to leave out a part of a verse of Scripture to make it say something that it does not say is iniquity (Dt. 4:2). However, many people do not realize what iniquity is so the Scripture in Deuteronomy might be rather surprising to them.

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance shows that the word that iniquity is translated from is the Greek word, anomia, {an-om-ee'-ah} #458, and its definition is, "from 459; illegality, i.e. violation of law or (gen.) wickedness:" And in Thayer's Greek Lexicon it is recorded that the word that iniquity is translated from means, "1. properly, the condition of one without law — either because ignorant of it, or because violating it. 2. contempt and violation of law, iniquity, wickedness:" Thus, when people delete the name Yahweh from the Scriptures and add the LORD in its place it is iniquity, because to delete from or to add to the Word of Yahweh is a, "violation of [His] law." (Dt. 4:2; 12:32) Notice above that being ignorant of these laws is no excuse (Hos. 4:6), "For as many as have sinned without

law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law" (Rom. 2:12).

To say that Matthew 7:22-23; 24:5 and Mark 13:6 is proof that there is no value in the use of our Creator's holy name because it is the false prophets that come in His name and because those who use His name are told, "I never knew you: depart from Me," is a gross misuse of Yahweh's Word and is a tactic used by satan himself when he *partially* quoted Scripture in Matthew 4:6, leaving out "to keep thee in all thy ways" from Psalm 91:11. It is evident that it is not wrong to use our Creator's holy name, but to use it when prophesying falsely is wrong (Dt. 18:20).

What also needs to be noted within the text of Scripture in Matthew 7:22 is that the ones who are in trouble are those who say to our Creator, "Lord, Lord." I do not call our Creator "Lord" in place of His name Yahweh, but those who do had better take note. To reject the name, Yahweh, and use "Lord" in its place *is iniquity*. To use the title "Lord" in place of our Creator's holy name, Yahweh, is diminishing from the Word of truth, which is iniquity: those who do so are the ones that Matthew 7:22 is referring to who will be surprised in the day of judgment.

Those who call our Creator "**Lord**" in place of His holy name Yahweh will be crying out in the day of judgment, "have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, **ye that work iniquity**." They say that they do things "in Thy name," yet they don't use His name: they call him "**Lord**" in place of His name. Thus, they are workers of iniquity.

It is not iniquity to call our Creator "**Lord**," but it is iniquity to call our Creator "**Lord**" in place of His holy name Yahweh. To delete the name Yahweh from our vocabulary is iniquity because there are no instructions in Scripture for us to do so. In fact, we are instructed not to do so (1 Chr. 16:8; Ps. 105:1; Isa. 12:4; Zeph. 3:9; Zech. 13:9), and as already discussed in the opening of this article, it is a violation of the third commandment (Ex. 20:7) to render Yahweh's name speechless.

By What Name Are You Called?

Today, the Baptists are called Baptists, the Catholics are called Catholics, the Episcopalians are called Episcopalians,

the Lutherans are called Lutherans, the Methodists are called Methodists, the Mormons are called Mormons or Latter Day Saints, the Seventh Day Adventists are called Seventh Day Adventists, etc.; but none of these names are what Scripture says His people will be called by. Scripture reveals, "all people of the earth shall see that **thou art called by the name of Yahweh**; and they shall be afraid of thee" (Dt. 28:10). "O Adonai, (Sovereign) hear; O Adonai, forgive; O Adonai, hearken and do; defer not, for Thine own sake, O my Elohim: for Thy city and **Thy people are called by Thy name**" (Dan. 9:19).

Even in the New Testament, "Simeon hath declared how Yahweh at the first did visit the Gentiles, **to take out of them a people for His name**," Acts 15:14. "And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after Yahweh, and **all the Gentiles, upon whom My name is called**, saith Yahweh, who doeth all these things," Acts 15:15-17.

"If **My people**, which **are called by My Name**, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land," 2 Chronicles 7:14. "I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring My sons from far, and My daughters from the ends of the earth; **Even** every one that is called **by My Name**: for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him," Isaiah 43:6-7.

"In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by My Name, saith Yahweh that doeth this," Amos 9:11-12.

Although Christianity is identified as being Christian, our Heavenly Father's holy name is not Christ, nor is our Savior's name Christ; thus, being called a Christian is not the same as being called by His name. His name is Yahweh and those who are followers of Yahweh are called, Yahwist, or they are known to be people of Yahweh, and oftentimes the name of their congregation also incorporates Yahweh's holy name into it.

Common Knowledge

Twenty some years ago when the name Yahweh was mentioned many people would often times accuse the person who made mention of the name of following after satan, because the name Yahweh was so foreign to many Christians across the world. However, today it has become common knowledge that the name Yahweh is used as the name of our Heavenly Father and that His name has been deleted from many translations. If we do not even take hold of the common knowledge that is available to us today what makes us think that we are going to take hold of the increased knowledge spoken of in Daniel 12:4? What if the revelation of our Heavenly Father's name is part of the increased knowledge spoken of in Daniel 12:4? If it is and we continue to reject that knowledge what makes us think that we are going to grasp any other knowledge that is true? (Hos. 4:6)

Please note what we are told in 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11 concerning "...him, whose coming is after the working of satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause Yahweh shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."

If we do not have love for the truths that have already been revealed, then instead of understanding the increased knowledge that will be revealed in the time of the end, Yahweh will send us a strong delusion and cause us to believe a lie, "That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness," 2 Thessalonians 2:12. To reject what is true is unrighteousness.

Just like those who worship on Sunday have to step out on faith and believe what the Scriptures say about the Sabbath, despite what their congregation says against the Sabbath, we have to step out on faith and believe what the Scriptures say about our Heavenly Father's holy name despite many congregations downplaying the importance of our Heavenly Father's holy name.

May Yahweh bless each and everyone who truly is seeking truth to take hold of every truth that is revealed in the time of the end. (1 Jn. 5:5; Rev. 2:7,11,17,26; 3:5,12,21; 21:17)

With love and concern. Kevin A. Bitterman

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