

# THE NAME OF JESUS

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#### INTRODUCTION

This book is all about the wonderful Name of Jesus Christ. I know there are some who don't believe in the Name of Jesus Christ but that doesn't make it powerless or ineffective to those who believe in it.

There is power in the name of Jesus that triumphs over any problem, any challenge, any trouble, any trial and any situation.

Demons and devils flee at the mention of the name of Jesus.

Diseases and sicknesses bow down, lack and fear dissipate before it, and every force of darkness including death is instantly shattered by it.

There is more in the Name of Jesus that I want you to learn in this book.

You are holding a master piece that will totally change your prayer life, your story and everything that concerns you.

This book is indeed a master piece that will change generations with the powerful revelation of the Name of Jesus.

I want you to read it meditatively and prayerfully.

As I was growing up as a young Christian, I saw many faithful and holy Christians struggling with sicknesses, diseases, demons, situations and circumstances that could have been defeated by using the name of Jesus.

Most of them knew the name of Jesus but unfortunately they had no revelation of it.

You see, it's one thing to know something and it's another thing altogether to have a revelation of it.

Information gives you knowledge or awareness that makes you to know something but revelation goes deeper. It's far greater than just having information about something.

It is possible to be full of the Bible knowledge and lack revelation of the Bible itself. This was the situation with the Chief priests and Scribes. They knew Jesus but they had no revelation of who He was.

Revelation is when the truth of a Scripture is understood or when God opens the mind and heart to the truth of His Word.

The Priests and Scribes had the Scriptures about the Messiah but their mind were closed to it's truth.

You see, there is a difference between information and revelation.

No matter how much information you get, if it never turns into revelation it's not going to do you a whole lot of good. The Name of Jesus works wonders. There is far more power wrapped up in this one Name than you may even realize.

The power and authority of the Name of Jesus rightfully belongs to you as a born-again Christian, and He expects you to use it!

If you are not born again then the power and authority of the name of Jesus does not belong to you. You must be born again first to have it.

Before Jesus ascended to be seated at the right hand of the Father, He said,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" Matthew 28:18, NIV).

He has the authority and he delegated it to those who are born again!

If you are not born again, it's time to receive Jesus Christ. To be born again, the first requirement is to affirm the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

"Lord" means master, controller, instructor, caretaker, and leader.

Jesus Christ being Lord of your life means He's your master and controller; He guides your actions, your thinking, and everything about your life; howbeit, in love.

When He becomes Lord of one's life, everything changes; your life is transformed completely.

2 Corianthians 5v17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

So, to be born again you have to confess with your mouth the Lordship of Jesus Christ over your life according to Romans 10:9.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9KJV).

Now I want you to pray with me this prayer below and you will be saved right away.

#### A PRAYER OF SALVATION

If You are here and you are not born again, You want to give your life to JESUS CHRIST, Please Repeat after me:

"O Lord God, I come to You a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that You raised Him from the dead and I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life from today. I receive by faith, remission of sins for my soul right now. I receive eternal life into my spirit. I declare with my mouth that I am born again!" Hallelujah. Amen!

If you have said that prayer, Congratulations now you are a Child of GOD.

Now Your Life has only One Way, Upward and Forward. You are blessed!

The Bible says, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." (Colossians 2:6)

How did you receive Christ Jesus? It was by faith, and faith is walking in the Word.

So, walking in Christ is walking in the Word. Colossians 3:4 says Christ is your life; in Him you live, and move and have your being. Hallelujah!!!

#### CHAPTER ONE

#### WHO IS JESUS?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

The Bible says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

That "Word" that the Bible says, "was God" became flesh—Jesus and dwelt among us:

"And the Word became 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 1:14).

From these scriptures it is clear that Jesus is God.

The "Word was God" means Jesus is Himself God. He said, in John 14:9, "...he that has seen me has seen the Father...."

And Colossians 2:9 says in Him dwells the totality (fullness) of the Godhead bodily.

Jesus is more than a great Prophet, Teacher, or Rabbi, He's Lord of all.

Acts 10:36 says, "...Jesus Christ— He is Lord of all". Jesus is God who manifested in the flesh.

In our opening scripture, we see that Jesus Christ existed with God in the beginning as the Word and He's the creator and maker of all things.

The Apostle John tells us that, "All things were made by HIM; and without HIM was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3).

You'd notice that the Apostle didn't say, "All things were made by IT"; but he said, "All things were made by HIM." He used the personal pronoun "Him," because the Word is a Person. The Word is God.

Then in John 1:14 we are told that, "...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...."

The Word, which is God, became flesh in the person of Jesus, and dwelt among us. Do you see that Jesus is not an ordinary person but God?

Many still ask this question today. "Is Jesus really God?" They have no problem believing that He was a great prophet, rabbi or teacher, but they find it difficult to accept that He is Himself God.

Jesus is also revered outside of Christianity. In Islam, Jesus (commonly transliterated as Isa) is considered one of God's important prophets and a messiah.

But the Muslims believe Jesus was born of a virgin, but was neither God nor a begotten God. The Quran states that Jesus never claimed divinity.

Muslims do not believe that he was killed or crucified, but that he was physically raised into Heaven by God.

In contrast, Judaism rejects the belief that Jesus was the awaited Messiah, arguing that he did not fulfill Messianic prophecies, and was neither divine nor resurrected.

These groups of people do not have a revelation of who Jesus is.

As I have showed you, the Bible says "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

That "Word" that the Bible says "was God" became flesh and dwelt among us. And that's Jesus!

Jesus is the Most High, who alone is worthy of all praise, worship and adoration. Jesus is God just like the Father is God and they are One.

Someone might say, "But isn't Jesus the Son of God?" Yes He is! But you have to understand that "Son of God" means God in the flesh.

"But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.

Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God." (John 5:17-18)

Jesus openly told the Jews that He was the Son of God. The Jews understood perfectly what He meant. They knew He was *making Himself equal with God.* 

Jesus wasn't merely referring to being born of God as God's offspring but He meant He's Himself, God!

When Jesus said to them, "I am the Son of God" the Jews got so angry with Him and they picked up stones to stone Him to death; they were furious.

They said, "How dare you, a man, make yourself equal with God by saying you're the Son of God?" (see John 10:33).

They thought Jesus was just a great Prophet or magician or someone but not God.

But Jesus openly told them, "I and My Father are one." (John 10:30). And they got more angry, and "the

Jews took up stones again to stone Him (John 10:31).

You see, they had no revelation of Him. They didn't know Him as the Lord and God. Their eyes were darkened.

Jesus is not only greater than any past human prophet but greater than any prophet could be. He not only speaks God's Word; but he is God's Word and He's God.

The Jews had a problem believing that because they knew his mother and how he was raised under her roof. But this was all according to prophecy.

Picture this, Jesus was one hundred percent God and also one hundred percent man when walked in Palestine and in the Jewry.

## THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS

Many people misunderstand when we refer to "the humanity of Jesus." They think we are denying His deity or denying He was the Son of God. But that is not true.

The Bible clearly shows us that Jesus is divine and He is the Son of God; yet, for a time, He lived on earth as a man!

The same God Almighty who gave the law to Moses, and spoke to Moses from the fire, and to the children of Israel through His glory, is the same God that walked the streets of Galilee in Jesus Christ.

When we say, for example, "Jesus Christ is the Son of God," what that means is that Jesus Christ is the "God-man."

That's why when Jesus told the Jews He is the Son of God, they wanted to stone Him to death.

They understood that He meant "I'm the God-man"; that means God in human flesh.

Let's have a brief history of Him so that you know who is this Jesus better.

About two thousand years ago, a man named Jesus was born of a virgin.

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke each describe Jesus' birth, especially that Jesus was born to a virgin named Mary in Bethlehem in fulfillment of prophecy.

What really happened is that according to the scriptures Jesus was born to Joseph and Mary, his betrothed, in Bethlehem.

And according to the scriptures Jesus was miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb when she was still a virgin.

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit."

(Matthew 1:18)

Joseph didn't sleep with Mary to have a baby Jesus and the Bible shows us that even after Mary was found with the child of the Holy Ghost, Joseph did not sleep with her until Jesus was born.

The Bible says Joseph "...did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus." (Matthew 1:25)

The Good News Bible put it this way, "But he (Joseph) had no sexual relations with her (Mary) before she gave birth to her son. And Joseph named him Jesus. (Matthew 1:25 GNB)

The birth of Jesus was a miracle birth because he was born of a virgin. If you don't believe this then you are not a Christian.

Jesus also told us by several miraculous signs that he came from God and he brought a message from God for the whole world.

The Bible tells us how that he died for us as a sacrifice. He was buried. The third day God proved that he was truly from him by raising him from death.

Jesus was raised from the dead as proof that he was from God. Also if you don't believe this then you are not a Christian.

After his resurrection, he ascended in the presence of 120 people who saw him. The Bible tells us more than five hundred people saw him after his resurrection. Now this Jesus ascended physically through the clouds to heaven- one more proof that he was the son of God- this Jesus being proved by God Almighty. Let's look at some Scriptures that help us to understand the humanity of Jesus:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name." (Phil. 2:5-9)

Through the womb of Mary, Jesus came to this earth as a human being. That was a legal entry!

He stripped Himself of this divine Power and Glory and dwelt amongst His own as a human being.

The Bible says, "For asmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted."

(Heb. 2:14-18)

Jesus took upon Himself the seed of Abraham, being made like unto us. He became a man just like us.

He lived in the Jewry as a man, He got tired, He ate food just like us, He slept just like us and moreover He was tempted in every way so that He would be able to help those who are tempted.

Hebrews 4:15 says, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

Jesus was in all points temped like as we are, yet without sin. He never sinned. He lived a sinless life in the world full of sin and iniquity.

You have to believe that even though Jesus was hundred percent God, He did not walk here on earth as God but as a man full of the Holy Ghost.

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." (James 1:12-13)

Here the Bible says, "for God cannot be tempted with evil" but we have seen that Jesus was tempted in all ways possible.

This means he stripped Himself of His divine Power and Glory when He came to this earth otherwise He couldn't be tempted for God cannot be tempted with evil.

Jesus was tempted in every way like we are, but He was without sin. He was tempted as a man, not as God for God cannot be tempted with evil.

Jesus had been operating as a man and not as God here on earth.

If Jesus operated as God here on earth then it would have been impossible for Him to be tempted with evil or killed.

Jesus learned to overcome temptation as a man, even while He was the Son of God.

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. (John 17:5)"

Jesus asked His Father God to restore Him to the glory He once had before He was born on earth. This means He had Glory before as God but He set it aside to come and live as a man.

Jesus needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit as a man. While here on earth, Jesus did not operate in His divine Power and Glory but as a man anointed with the Holy Ghost and power.

Matthew 1:23 says, "...they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

And then 1 Timothy 3:16 declares, "God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

If Jesus didn't strip Himself of His Power and Glory when He came to this earth then no one could have killed Him at the cross but He died as a man and God raised Him from the dead.

Now let's look at the divinity of Jesus again as we conclude this chapter.

For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2:9).

Jesus is "the Christ" or the "Messiah", the Saviour whose arrival is prophesied in the Old Testament of the Bible.

Even though He came to this earth and became a man, Jesus is also God.

"For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

This means the fullness, the totality of divinity is resident in the body of Jesus.

When Jesus walked the earth, all of divinity was at home in Him. He was God alive and yet He operated as a man.

There are Christians who don't know who Jesus really is, and until you know Him, you can't really have faith in Him.

Many only know He's said to be the Son of God. When you ask them what "Son of God" means, they don't know.

As I said before, "Son of God" means God in flesh.

So, until you know and believe this about Jesus, you really can't walk

with Him; your faith in Him will be weak and ineffective.

You have to believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of a virgin named Mary, lived a sinless life, died by crucifixion as a sacrifice to achieve atonement for sin, rose from the dead, and ascended to Heaven where he will return.

If you would believe this little information that I have given you and accept that Jesus Christ is the son of God, you would have eternal life.

You can receive that eternal life into your heart and then all of your sins that you've committed would be purged out of your heart.

The nature of sin would be gone, because that's the reason he came to die for us- to wash our sins away and settle that with God Almighty so we could have eternal life.

This brings all arguments to rest about the humanity and divinity of Christ: without a doubt, Jesus Christ is God!

He's God manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached to the Gentiles, believed on in the world, and received up in glory and He shall come back again for His own.

### **CHAPTER TWO**

## POWER IN THE NAME

"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

(Philippians 2:11)

There is power in the name of Jesus. The Name of Jesus is the name above all names.

Amazingly, Jesus gave us His name. That is why the power and authority of the Name of Jesus

rightfully belongs to us Christian, and He expects us to use it!

Just before He ascended to be seated at the right hand of the Father, Jesus said,

"All power [authority] is given me in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18).

He immediately delegated His authority in the earth to the Church, "Go ye therefore..." (Matt. 28:19).

Then in Mark 16:17 He promised, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; IN MY NAME..."

The biggest part of all of this is that God vested power into his name such that almost 2000 years after all this happened his name still has power today. His name still has power and authority so much that in his name miracles happen, in his name demons tremble. His name still has power today!

Jesus gave us His Name as the authority and power. The power is in the Name and the authority is in the Name.

The Name that He gave us is above every name. He gave us the Name that is recognized in three worlds—the Name that has authority in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.

Angels, men, and demons have to bow at that Name—and that Name belongs to us. We are authorized to use that Name. This is exciting. The name of Jesus is above the name the President of your country. It is a name above the name of your Prime Minister.

In fact the Name of Jesus is above all the name of Presidents, Prime Ministers, Angels, Devils and Demons combined!

He commissioned us: "All authority is given me in heaven and in earth, "Go ye therefore."

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; IN MY NAME shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Matt. 28:18, 19; Mark 16:17,18).

And, thank God, there is salvation in that Name too.

Acts 2:21 says, "And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

God the Father has conferred upon Him the highest Name in the universe—the Name above every name.

That Name has all the authority, all the power, all the dignity, all the majesty, and all the glory that Jesus the Person has. The Name stands for the Person - Jesus.

This honor, this glory, this authority, this power, is vested in the Name of Jesus.

And this Name is given to us! We have a rich inheritance—the Name of Jesus!

You are the master over demons and the laws of nature. You have authority over disease and sickness in the Name of Jesus.

All You have to do is speak in the Name of Jesus, and sickness and disease will obey You.

The power in the name of Jesus is not limited. It is not half the power of God. It is not a portion of God's power but rather ALL the power of God is in the Name of Jesus.

This means if you have the Name of Jesus you have the Highest and Greatest Power on Earth, and elsewhere.

"Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

It is only in the Name of Jesus that there is remission of sins. Do you see how powerful the Name of Jesus is?

The name of Jesus is the most powerful name there is. God gave Jesus the "name that is above every name" (Philippians 2:9).

The name Jesus is a *Greek* male name meaning "Saviour".

There is a great number of Jewish males, Brazilians, and Asians who has the name Jesus, but what made the name of Jesus Christ so special and so powerful?

Why is this name so powerful? It is because of the sacrifice He made—through living a perfect life, dying a sinner's death, and being resurrected.

Unlike us who got our names from family members, Jesus Christ got His name from heaven delivered to His parents by angels. He really did what the meaning of His name is, He saved us.

Jesus made a way for all of humanity to be saved and made right with God: "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13; Acts 4:12).

Now we know a name that is above all other names given on earth. There is now no situation that is above the name of Jesus.

No preacher, prime minister, president, king, doctor, sangoma or demon's name can be compared to the name of Jesus Christ, for it is a strong tower where the saints run to.

The literal name "Jesus" is not inherently powerful; it is powerful because of Jesus Christ, the person, God incarnate, who made a way for our salvation.

When we talk about the name of Jesus, we are talking about Jesus Himself, His character and the things He does.

We have the same power Jesus has, the power of the Holy Spirit, within us when we place our faith in His Name.

There are those people who attempt to perform miracles in the name of Jesus without placing their faith in Him.

In Acts, the seven sons of the priest Sceva attempted to cast out demons in the name of Jesus without actually believing in Jesus.

They had no power over the demons because they were not walking in the power of Jesus.

Instead they ended up bleeding and badly beaten by the demon possessed man. Lets read about them in Acts 19:13–16.

"Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demonpossessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out."

Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?"

Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran

out of the house naked and bleeding. (Acts 19:13-16 NIV)

You see, you have to believe in Jesus Christ before you use His Name.

Again, the power of Jesus' name is not the name itself as if it is a magical formula to produce certain results.

Rather, the power of Jesus' name is the Person of Jesus. When we belong to Him through faith, we can rely on Him and know that His power is at work in us.

As believers, we are fully convinced of the power within the name of Jesus. When we pray, we have the power of Jesus at work within us.

Our lives as Christians are lived from a place of acknowledging the power in Jesus' name:

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).

The powerful name of Jesus makes it possible for all people to be saved, healed, and delivered.

Psalm 115:1 reminds us: "Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!"

### CHAPTER THREE

## USING THE NAME OF JESUS

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. (John 14:13-14 KJV)

The Name of Jesus is for us to use in our everyday lives. In fact the Bible says,

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:17).

As children of God we have been given authority to use the Name of

Jesus but the problem is that most don't know who we are in Christ (our identity) and the authority that goes with it.

In Luke 10:19 the Bible says that we have been given authority to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Jesus gave every believer the power to use His name on earth. We are acting as His representatives today. 2Corinthians 5:20 says, "...we are ambassadors for Christ"

Everything Jesus wants to get done on earth, He does it through the believers in His Name. We have been given the Power of Attorney to act on His behalf.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-19, "All powers is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore....".

That power was given to us as part of our inheritance in Christ. We have entered into this position of authority because we are in Him.

Jesus secured all power by going to the cross, dying, rising again and defeating Satan.

He came to this earth as a man to take back the authority Satan had stolen through Adams' disobedience in the Garden of Eden. Jesus freely gave it over to the believers'.

Mark 16:15 tells when Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection from the dead; It was at this time that he delegated the authority to carry out this work which is to go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

# PRAYING IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Teaching on prayer in St John's gospel chapter 16 from verse 26, Jesus says, "at that day ye shall ask in my name". Which day is he talking about?

He is talking about the day of the church, the new dispensation, when the New Testament comes and that's the day we are living in today.

So when Jesus says "at that day ye shall ask in my name", He means we are going to pray in his name, that is, in the Name of Jesus.

He says "when you pray in that day, you pray in my name and I am not telling you I am going to pray the Father for you." Why is that so?

In the next verse He says "for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me and have believed that I came from God."

Jesus always wanted us to know that the Father loves us. So when we pray in the name of Jesus, the Father gets it directly and He responds because he loves us. Hallelujah!!!!!!

Also every Christian must know that he has not been called to pray through Jesus because Jesus is not a medium for the Christian.

The Christian must pray IN the name of Jesus and NOT through the name of Jesus.

Jesus taught us to pray in His name and not through His name.

"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father IN My name He will give you."
(John 16:23)

To pray in the name of Jesus means you're praying in His place and He can't be turned down.

Praying in the name of Jesus is license to make demands or requests as though the Lord Himself made them.

When you pray in the Name of Jesus you don't pray to Jesus but you pray to the Father. This is what Jesus taught. He said,

"And in that day YOU WILL ASK ME NOTHING. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever YOU ASK THE FATHER in My name He will give you. (John 16:23).

Jesus said we are to ask Him nothing but we are to ask the Father in His Name. In other words, we are to ask God the Father in the Name of Jesus for whatever we want.

We have a lot of ignorant Christians who are asking Jesus for food, clothes, and shelter.

Jesus said, "ask the Father in my Name, don't ask Me."

Have you ever heard someone praying to Jesus in the Name of Jesus? It's a bundle of contradiction.

You hear someone saying, "Lord Jesus, I ask you to pay my bills amounting to \$500 this week, in the Name of Jesus. Thank You I receive." Amen. That's wrong. This is what Jesus said don't do.

Rather, pray this way, "My Father in Heaven, I ask you to pay my bills amounting to \$500 this week, in the Name of Jesus. Thank you I receive." Amen!

Do you see the difference? You have to otherwise if you keep praying to Jesus in the name of Jesus you'll keep having no answers to your prayers.

Jesus is God. He didn't forbid us to worship Him, or to praise Him, but He forbids us to ask Him.

He said, "And in that day you will ask Me nothing..but ask the Father in My name and He will give you."

Jesus was so sure that if we can only ask the Father in His Name the Father will give us. We need to have faith in His words and act on them.

How have you been praying all along? Are the one who has been praying to Jesus in the name of

Jesus ? It's time to change and do the right thing.

It doesn't matter you heard a great man of God somewhere asking Jesus in the name of Jesus and you copied it.

That man of God is not the Bible. Don't copy unscriptural practices. Copy the Word of God!

Now we know how to pray in the Name of Jesus. Let's move on to another level of using the name of Jesus.

## CONFESSING IN THE NAME OF JESUS

I have to let you know that it's not only in prayer where we use the name of Jesus but also in confessions, actions and declarations.

You can act in the name of Jesus and have a miracle. For example, a man of God may not say anything but look at a sick person, lay his hand on him and have him healed!

This is what we see in Mark 16:18, "...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

In confessing the Word of God, you are speaking the Word of God back to God or to yourself in the Name of Jesus.

In Christianity the importance of confession can not be over emphasised. It is a central part of being a Christian.

When the scripture talks about confession, it isn't always about confessing your sins, confession is much broader than that.

The origin of the word confession comes from the Greek word "Homologia," which means to speak the same thing in consent.

Confessing the Word means you agree with, and say what the Word of God says about you, Himself, your world or anyone or situation.

Confession is to speak to God, to yourself, to your world or anyone or situation.

It is a principle in the Kingdom of God that begins with your salvation as a child of God.

Confession is how you were saved, to begin with. What saved you was the acknowledgment of God's lordship over your life and not just the simple confession of your current or past sins.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9-10)

Why is it so important that we confess the Word boldly? It's because our confessions create realities.

We become what we confess. We get what we confess. We receive and have what we confess.

Jesus said, "You shall have what you say" (Mark 11:23).

What are the things you're supposed to say? They're the same things God has already declared in Scriptures.

It is not wise to confess negative things because they will come and trouble you. You don't have to confess the things you don't want to see in your life.

Things like sicknesses, diseases, lack, sufferings, struggles, or death you don't need them. Don't confess them.

I know there are those who always confess their lack. That is the reason they are constantly in lack and poverty.

There are those who are constantly confessing death. That is why all they do dies and eventually they too will die miserably before their time.

We live in the Name of Jesus. The Bible says, "for in Him we live and move and have our being,...' (Acts 17:28)"

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." (Colossians 3:17)

This means whatever you are doing you are doing it in the Name of Jesus.

So, if you confess lack, sickness, diseases, or death you are confessing those negativities in the name of the Lord Jesus. Becareful.

Learn to confess only the Word of God even if things aren't looking so good in your life.

Hebrews 13:5-6 says, "...for he hath said...So that we may boldly say...." The reason He said what He said is so that we may boldly say the same thing.

God's Word isn't for you to hear and be quiet; you respond by saying the same thing. That's true confession of the Word.

God gave you the Word so you'll boldly confess it. The Christian life is lived by words; it's for talkers; talkers of the Word.

Confessing the Word means you agree with, and say what the Word of God says about you, Himself, your world or anyone or situation.

Your faith will not produce results if you are not talking the Word. You must not only know the Word and have it in your consciousness, you must speak it forth. The power is in confessing it.

"We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak" (2Corinthians 4:13).

If your faith is alive, talk the Word! Your mouth establishes the Word of God in your life. When the Word is in your heart, and spoken forth, it becomes a creative force.

God's Word created everything, and as such can create anything.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1-3).

Whatever you desire today, the power to make it happen is in your mouth.

With your mouth, use faith-filled words to frame your world, and program your spirit for success and victory.

Maybe you've been attacked by cancer, diabetes or any kind of sickness; I advise you not to keep quiet! You should begin "talking sessions."

Even if you are too weak to talk just mutter or whisper: "I have the life of God in me; the Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead lives in me; therefore, my whole body is vitalized and energized with divine life.

No sickness can stay in my body. The presence of God's Spirit destroys every trace of sickness and disease in my body," in the Name of Jesus Christ.

That's confessing the Word of God and if you mutter it long enough, it'll turn into a testimony, and soon enough you'll bounce off that sickbed.

God's Word is medicine. It cures every infirmity and keeps you in divine health.

The Word of God is "...health to your flesh, and strength to your bones. (Proverbs 3:8)"

The Name of Jesus works anytime, and anywhere!

I remember some years ago when I was just starting out in ministry. I was very poor. I had to feed my wife and kid, I had to pay rent and also some electricity and water bills but I had no money.

I kept on telling my land lady that soon I will pay my dues. She was very patient with me but months and months kept coming and going and my debt was piling up.

It came a time that my debt was too big. I was owing almost everyone I know and I didn't know how in the world I was going to pay the debt. I was stuck in a rut.

But one of my friends who knew my state gave me a book that changed my story. It was a book written by my life coach and mentor, Pastor Chris Oyakhilome. The book is called "Prophecy."

I read the first page and I couldn't put it down. It was so powerful. I kept on reading and reading until I got to page 61 and 62.

The Pastor said something that hit my heart and mind so hard. He

was talking straight to me as if he knew me personally.

He said, I quote:

"You may be a young man, married with little kids, and life doesn't look so good. It looks like life is being unjustly hard on you. Your job or business isn't paying well.

You look at your wife and kids and wonder, "Dear God, what am I going to do?"
Stop wondering what you're going to do. I have told you what to do.

Young man, learn to wake up in the night, not to read newspapers or watch movies, but to "talk."

When you wake up in the middle of the night, pace the floor and talk to yourself; when you get up in the morning, continue talking.

Your family may wonder what you're up to, but you know what you're doing.

The tighter the world pulls its strings and the harder things look, the more you should be talking.

Don't let anything frighten you out of your talking.

Let me tell you this: the greater the problem, the greater will be its fall before you. The higher the walls of opposition, the greater their fall will be.

Satan may keep building his attack against you, but you just keep on talking, and soon enough,

his resistance will break and he'll flee from you.

Remember what the Bible says, "If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth:" (Ecclesiastes 11:3).

Just keep talking. If you haven't seen the harvest yet, don't stop. Keep talking; the power is in your mouth!

Paul tells us, "Don't ask who will go up to Heaven to bring Christ down, and don't ask who will go down into the deep to bring Him up. The Word is near you, even in your mouth!" (Romans 10:8-10). It's in your mouth!

That money you require is in your mouth. That job or business is in your mouth. That pregnancy, that

healing you've been waiting for is in your mouth. Glory to God!" (Page 61& 62 of the book "Prophecy" by Chris Oyakhilome)

These words changed my life and immediately I began to have talking sessions.

We lived in two rooms in those days so I would wake up at 12 midnight, get into our second room we used as kitchen and begin to talk the Word.

I confessed the Word every day from 12midnight to 1am for seven months. At first nothing seemed to be changing but I kept on confessing God's Word:

"I am rich. I am ever productive and ever bearing fruit.

The Lord is my shepherd, and I have every good thing I require in this life.

I have the blessing of the Lord that makes rich and adds no sorrow.

I am the seed of Abraham, my wealth and prosperity is in Christ; it is a settled fact.

I am conscious that I am loaded, there is absolutely nothing that is too good for me in this world.

There is nothing that is beyond my reach because the Lord directs my steps to where the good things of this world are. I am blessed indeed. Hallelujah!"

I kept on confessing such Words and more from the Bible especially from the book of Psalms, Deuteronomy 28, and the New Testament.

I added giving to my confession. During the night I was busy confessing the Word and during the day I prayed, and gave gifts to every man of God who visited me.

I had no money so I couldn't give it. We survived on receiving vegetables and sometimes soya mince from vendors who sold stuff near our house.

But most of the times we went to bed with stomachs full of roasted corn or maize seeds.

Since our baby couldn't eat roasted maize, we made sure that each time our landlady was eating with her family we would open our door, and let our baby crawl all the way to her dining table and because they loved him, they would feed him. This happened for a long time.

So I kept on giving my clothes. All my suits, shirts and trousers I gave until I was left with one black trousers and three shirts.

I gave all my shoes until I was left with one pair. Our church was so small it struggled to raise an offering of US\$2 per service. Poverty was written everywhere in our church and in our lives.

To cut the story short, seven months after I began confessing the Word and giving. I was invited to preach somewhere.

No one invited us to preach before then but someone who knew me from college convinced his pastor to invite me to preach in their church. I didn't ask for it.

We went there on a Sunday and I preached on the "Power of God". I believe the message is still there on Youtube.

After preaching I was given US\$450 and 64 Shirts, 30 trousers and 12 pairs of shoes as honorarium! Hallelujah!!!!

I had never told anyone that we were suffering. Maybe they saw it on us. But we didn't tell them.

That same month I also received US\$1300 from a woman whom I prayed for in Gweru. She had a mental problem for a long time.

So, years back I had prayed for her and she recovered, got her pension fund and she sent me tithe of US\$1300 from it.

That's how our lack ended. Confession works. You have to believe me. The Bible doesn't lie!

## DEMANDING IN THE NAME OF JESUS

"If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. (John 14:14)

Jesus said, "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." This is not prayer.

That word "ask" here can be translated "demand." *If you demand anything in my name I will do it.*"

## Let's read John 14:13-14 KJV:

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

In John 14:13-14 above we see the Name introduced. As I have said this is not prayer; it is something different. This is making a demand in the name of the Lord.

For example, At the Gate called Beautiful, Peter said to the lame man, "Such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6 KJV)!

Peter didn't pray for the lame man but he made a demand in the name of Jesus Christ and got the lame man healed.

It was faith in the Name of Jesus that healed the lame man. Peter declared him healed because he had faith in the name of Jesus.

Peter said, "And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all." (Acts 3:16)

Jesus, in His resurrected body, is seated at the right hand of the Father. But Jesus left us His Name.

His Name with all its power, authority, might, and dominion is ours today. You can use it to rule and reign over all the works of the enemy!

We have to make demands in the Name of Jesus. We have to say, "In the Name of Jesus, I have the victory. In the Name of Jesus, every demon, every sickness, every bit of poverty, and anything with a name that's hindering me has to flee now!

We have to make demands in the Name of Jesus otherwise things will not change for the better but will get worse.

It is not everything you have to ask God for. Most of the things in your life come by your faith declarations. You have to make demands and have miracles happen.

The Father is going to get glory from our use of the Name of Jesus to heal the sick and cast out demons, and in the working of miracles.

Mark 16:17-20 KJV says, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."

Remember the Lord said he will do what you demand or declare to happen. This is not prayer. This is making faith declaration, or demands.

The devil is already defeated—but you have to enforce your victory through using the Name of Jesus. You have to demand what you want to happen.

The power and authority of the Name of Jesus rightfully belongs to you as a born-again Christian, and He expects you to use it!

Jesus has the power everywhere...over nations,

governments and every name, therefore your faith declarations are not limited at all. They can topple a government of any nation!

So, its now quite clear to you that John 14:13-14 is not prayer but making a demand in the Name of Jesus.

"Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13-14 RSV)

This scripture refers to making a demand in the Name of Jesus, and is quite different from John 16:23, where He meant praying to the Father in His Name.

In John 14:13-14, the Lord is saying that if you demand

anything to happen in His Name, He'll make it happen.Hallelujah!!!!!

As I have said, there are many things you don't need to pray for but to make some demands. Many miracles happen this way.

The book of Job 22:28 says, "You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways."

Notice he didn't say, "You will also ask the Lord, and it will be established for you..."

He said, "You will declare a thing, and it will be established for you."

It's time you start declaring things and have them happen in your life. Why wait if you got this truth? Many Christians make a mistake of misinterpreting the Bible and doing what it didn't say.

For example, in Mark 16:17 Jesus said, "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons..."

He said believers will cast out demons in His name. He didn't say believers will ask the Father for the demons to get out. You wonder where did the Christians get that from.

You see, Christians are busy asking the Lord God to cast out demons from someone. God wants you to cast out those demons and not to ask Him to do it.

That reminds me of the year 2001. I was in High School that time doing form 2.

So, one day a fellow brother invited me to their all night prayer service. I went together with him.

We started praying at 9pm with their Pastors and other junior pastors. There were about 50 to 60 people in that church.

We prayed from one prayer point to the other until a certain girl started manifesting an evil spirit at around 11pm and she took the attention of everyone.

She was so violent that it took about five men to pin her down. The young Pastors in that church laid their hands on her and started praying for her.

There were about a dozen of hands laid on her while she lay down on the ground writhing with this demon spirit.

All the Pastors who laid hands on her were praying. Some were shouting, "Lord send down fire" and some where asking the Lord to remove the demon by force.

I was there watching at a distant. From around 11pm to about 3am they struggled to cast out this demon. They prayed to God asking Him to cast out the demon until they all got tired.

Some said, "I bind you", and some said "fire" and some said "burn to ashes right now"...etc. They were saying a lot of words and it

disturbed our prayer meeting for 4 hours!

I believe they confused the demon and the demon didn't know what to do but to be stubborn and stay in the girl.

Demons know authority and they respect it. So, I believe they got this demon confused and it didn't go out.

I asked my friend about her and he said every time they have an all night meeting, that same girl manifests evil spirits and everyone will have to attend to her.

Well, I went over to her and asked the Pastors who were praying for her to give me a chance to deal with the demon. They didn't refuse because they thought I would be humiliated by the demon possessed girl.

But I knew something they didn't know. I had read books of Rev. Ernest Angley on how to deal with Satan and devils.

I also knew Mark 16:17 and I knew that those young Pastors were doing something wrong in trying to remove the demon from that girl. They were praying and asking God to remove it instead of casting it out.

However, as soon as they left pinning her down, she got up with force and looked straight into my eyes and with a shrieking voice the demon said, "Who are you, You cannot cast me out, this girl is mine!" I didn't want to talk to the demon. He had already eaten four good hours of our prayer time so I wanted him to come out at once.

So, with a loud voice while looking straight into her eyes, I said, "You foul devil, I command you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her right now!"

As soon as I said that, she fell under the power of the Holy Ghost and convulsed and all demons got out of her. Just like that.

I was not a Pastor, I was just a small brother there. Everyone was shocked. They wondered how I did it.

The next time they had an all night event they invited me again and

that girl was there. She didn't manifest any evil spirit as before and we prayed through out the night till 5am!

You see, those young pastors didn't have a revelation of Mark 16:17. They knew it. They simply didn't understand it.

Instead of casting out the demon, they were shouting, hollering and asking the Lord to cast it out. That's not what Jesus said so for years they failed to cast out a single demon from that girl. Mark 16:17 doesn't say, "In My name they will ask God to cast out demons."

Rather it says, "In My name THEY WILL CAST OUT demons."

It says believers will cast out devils. Not just Pastors, Prophets, Apostles or Bishops but all believers will cast out devils.

Also Mark 16:17 does not say, "... In My name they will pray for the demons to go out." No, it says "they will cast out demons!"

Do you know what it means to cast out? It means to kick out, or to drive out. It doesn't mean to ask God to do it. You must do it yourself in the Name of Jesus Christ.

The Bible says, "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth" (Philippians 2:10)

Demons love to possess and live in human bodies. They see human bodies as houses.

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.

Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'... (Matthew 12:44-44)

This demon calls a man his house where he seems to have comfort and rest than in the dry places.

Now listen, when you discern such demons cast them out. Don't pray, don't ask God to cast them out because He will not, so you do it.

If these demons find no human being to possess they may possess your dog. In the times of Jesus they possessed pigs and had them all drown into the sea.

So, they may possess your pigs, your dog, your cats or even your trees, cars and house. Once you discern their presence cast them out!

You have the authority and power in the name of Jesus to cast out devils no matter their rank!

You make a demand for them to go out of your place, car or properties. Hallelujah!

Now let's look at another example of using the Name of Jesus.

Elijah was a Prophet from Tishbite, in the land of Israel. He was a man of God who hated the evil works of King Ahab and his wife Jezebel. Queen Jezebel was a witch. The Bible says, that woman Jezebel called herself a prophetess, who taught and seduced God's servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat things sacrificed to idols. (Revelation 2:20)

She was a witch who had lured all Israel to worship her idols and her gods. Under her rule Israel worshipped demons.

So Prophet Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead came and met her husband the King of Israel, King Ahab and said,"..to Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word." (1 Kings 17:1)

James 5:17 says, "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months."

So, for three years and a half there was no rain because Elijah had stopped it.

If a man with a nature like ours, that is, with a human body like ours could stop rain for three and half years what can stop you from doing even more than that?

After all Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father." (John 14:12)

You can demand things and have them come to pass. The Name of Jesus cannot fail if you have faith in it.

Elijah "...prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit." (James 5:18)

After three and half years without rain there was a great famine in Israel and Prophet Elijah declared again for the rain to come and the Heavens gave rain!

What is exciting is that God gave us this power and authority. We can declare things and have them.

In Mark 11:23 the Lord Jesus said, "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart,

but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says."

You can command mountains to move and they will. It doesn't matter what it is that you want removed; it can move out of your way if you command it.

There is limitless spiritual power in the name of Jesus.

As I was learning these things as a young boy who was doing form 2. I remember at one time we had over three weeks without city council water coming out from our taps.

My mother was so worried, and frustrated because of that situation. She was so tired of going miles and miles away from home on foot to look for water to use at home.

So, one day when she was preparing to go out with her empty buckets of water. I said to her, "Mum we can declare and have water coming of this tap today!"

She didn't believe it. She just looked at me, laughed and went out to fetch water somewhere far from home. It was around 8am.

I went to our water tap that was outside our house in Budiriro 5A, Harare. I prayed in tongues to charge my spirit.

I prayed in tongues for about 30 minutes then I turned to the water tap, touched it and declared, "In the Name of Jesus, let clean water

flow out of this tap today and supply our house and the community!" That was it.

My mum got back home at around 11am that day and found water gushing out of our house taps and I had done all the dishes. Hallelujah!!!

Using the Name of Jesus Christ works. You have got to believe it and never doubt it.

I also remember the time I developed a tumor on my chest on the left side. It grew big in size like the seed of a peach fruit and it was very painful.

I cursed it in the name of Jesus and commanded it to die from its roots.

But the pain and the growth did not disappear at once. They were still there after my declaration for some few months but I didn't fear because I knew the growth was dead! I believe it.

After those few months I woke up one day without the lump or pain till today.

Don't allow unwanted things to grow in your body. Use the Name of Jesus Christ to kill and deaden them.

If ministers of the Gospel and believers world wide believe these things they would change a whole lot of things in the world and make it a better place.

Evil governments, evil organizations, evil regimes and

terrorist groups can be removed by using the Name of Jesus.

Sometimes nations don't need to go to war physically. The Name of Jesus Christ can change a nation, its leaders and oppressive laws and make it a blessing to its people.

I don't know what you are facing today. But I want you to know that there is no situation that the Name of Jesus can fail to solve.

Cancer is one of the diseases that medical science can not cure. It has scared and killed millions of people across the globe.

But if you know these things am teaching you in this book, cancer cannot kill you. You maybe suffering from it right now. All you need is to be believe this Bible teaching and use it. Command that cancer to die!

The Name of Jesus works wonders. It is not limited by space, time or distance. It will work everywhere, anywhere and anytime! Use it!

I remember long time ago. We had not enough food in our house. Things really looked so bad and we survived on porridge, sadza (very thick porridge), boiled vegetables and roasted corn.

We didn't know where to get food. I have rules and principles I live by. One of them is "Never beg, borrow or ask anyone for anything!" We tell only God our needs.

So after some days praying, nothing came forth. It seems things were getting worse as I prayed.

Then one afternoon the Lord said, "Son, stop asking me for food; command the devil to put his hands off your money and also command things you want to come to you!"

Immediately I stopped praying or asking God for food. (NB: There's nothing wrong with asking God for things, but if it didn't work, change the formula).

I began to declare and to demand that all my needs are met according to Philippians 4:19, in the Name of Jesus. And I commanded Satan to take his hands off my money, in the Name of Jesus.

Then in a week's time, a certain man brought me a carload of groceries that lasted for three months!

These are just small things we can demand. Imagine if we can use the same Name of Jesus to demand millions of dollars to be channeled to us. We would change the world with the Gospel of Christ with it.

"Again proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts:"My cities shall again spread out through prosperity; The Lord will again comfort Zion, And will again choose Jerusalem." (Zechariah 1:17)

The Lord said His cities shall yet again spread out through

prosperity and not through poverty and lack.

Who are these cities? It is us the church. Jesus said we are the cities of God (Matthew 5:14).

The church is the city of God and it will spread out through prosperity. That is why you discover that if a church lacks financial prosperity it will not make a great impact in this world.

What do you want changed? Make a demand. Declare the Word of God and do not doubt but believe that those things you said will happen.

There was a time I had an accident and my car was a write-off. I remember it was in the month of November when the accident occurred.

I was parked at a fuel service station that was near a busy road. And a haulage truck lost control, got out of the road and came straight to hit my car. I was right inside but thank God I got out without any scratch.

Only the car was damaged but I was not. God's angels protected me.

"For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone."
(Psalms 91:11-12)

So, after that I commuted to church in public transport with

my family for the whole month of November and December that year and I didn't like it.

I was praying for God to give me a new car until the Lord said, "Call it forth to come to you!" He was asking me to declare and to demand it to come.

I did and in less that a week, someone gave me his car to use. I had to go somewhere to preach and this guy said use my car. He was not a member of our church.

I used his car for two days and when I was about to return it back to him, he said don't bring it but give me any amount of money you think is prosper for it and it will be yours. That's how we got that car at very cheap price! Another example if othe man of God, Paul of Tarsus. The Apostle was challenged by a Sorcerer called Elymas and he commanded him to be blind. Its an interesting story. Lets read it here:

"Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked

intently at him and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?

And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time."

And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord." (Acts 13:6-12) The Apostle Paul cursed this Sorcerer (Wizard) and he became blind.

How did he curse him? He declared the word. He said, "And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And the wizard became blind!

You can deal with those Wizards and Witches that have troubled your family. You can declare the word of God in the Name of Jesus and have them disarmed and made blind!

Who are they that are challenging you and discussing to harm you? Don't fear them.

The Bible says, "Indeed they shall surely assemble, but not because of Me. Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake." (Isaiah 54:15)

They will gather together against you to fall for your sake. Don't keep quiet. Declare this Isaiah 54:15 against your enemies. I always declare it too.

If there is anyone gathering people against me they will fall for my sake because I am always declaring this scripture, Isaiah 54:15&17.

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is

from Me," Says the Lord." (Isaiah 54:17)

No one dares me whether spiritually or physically. I have the protection of the Word of God.

God protected Abraham by the Word. He said to Abraham, "I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you..." (Genesis 12:3)

So anyone who blessed Abraham whether publicly or privately was also blessed by God but anyone who tried to curse Abraham secretly or openly was cursed by the Lord.

It reminds me of a certain guy X who was our landlord at church. Our church was using his building for church services. In fact we later

on learned that he was not the owner of the building but he had a lease agreement with the owner.

This guy persecuted us for almost a year and half. He frustrated my leaders at church until we thought of moving out. He changed our rentals every month hiking them to levels that were unfair.

At one time I was given money by the church treasury for rent to give him.

I called him, we met in town and I bought him an expensive lunch and after eating all my delicacies and collected our money he still increased our rent that day.

The agreed money we gave him didn't please him. He wanted more than what we had agreed that

month and we had to give him. He threatened to remove our church from his building if we didn't pay.

All the efforts to have a lease agreement in writing from this guy X were fruitless. He didn't want to give us a lease agreement. He wanted us to just use his place because he loved to victimise and to defraud us every month.

But one day I had had enough of this guy X so I met him with my protocol team and I told him that "you have swindled us for too long but from this month you will not swindle us again forever."

He thought I was threatening him but I was not neither had I planned to move out of his building but I wanted him to know that he was not going to extort money from the church again through increasing rentals unjustly every month.

That week I went to church and told the congregation everything. They didn't know what was happening all along, only the leaders knew.

And I said we are not going pray about it as a church but I am going to use the Name of Jesus to deal with that wicked landlord X.

That day I climbed up our pulpit, raised my right hand while my left hand was holding the microphone and I declared that from that month we will have the owner of the building as our landlord and we will report to him directly and not to this guy X. That was it.

And the following week, a miracle happened. The owner of the building came to his building while were in church.

He just felt to come and check how his building was being treated and he met us. We told him everything that was happening between us and the guy X.

The building owner was not happy with our story because the lease agreement he had with this guy X did not allow guy X to sublet the premises to anyone so there was a breach of contract.

The owner of the building quickly called his lawyer and had a meeting. They terminated the lease agreement they had with that guy X and drafted a new lease with us.

We got the lease agreement with the owner and he reduced our 500 sitter church rent from about US\$250 we were paying to that guy X to US\$20 a month!

The Name of Jesus works. It does wonders to those who have faith in it!

When using the Name of Jesus you need to have faith and patience.

The Bible says,"...do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." (Hebrews 6:12)

The Bible says through faith and patience you inherit the promises. The problem is we have people who give up to soon.

If you declared something and it didn't happen according to your timing, don't cancel the declaration by negative talk. Keep the faith and be patient. You will see the results soon.

Some of you want to declare an aeroplane and want to see it today. You don't have an airstrip, you don't have the capacity to manage an aeroplane yet and you don't have the capacity to pay the pilot but you want it today. That's unrealistic.

Foolishness is not faith. Dream big and grow big too. Develop a capacity to own big things!

Have faith and patience. They work together. Don't give up because it delayed to come as you

expected. Keep the faith and keep declaring the Word.

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