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"WHAT IS HIS NAME AND WHAT IS HIS SON'S NAME, IF THOU CANST TELL?"

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"Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?" Proverbs 30:4.

There are five questions asked in that one verse. (1) Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? (2) Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? (3) Who hath bound the waters in a garment? (4) Who hath established all the ends of the earth? (5) What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

Did you ever wonder what it would be like in the Old Testament if you did not know anything in the New Testament. In the Old Testament they knew about a Savior. Those people were saved by trusting a Savior, but they did not know his name. They knew the same Savior that we know but they did not know his name. Place yourself back in the Old Testament, in the time of Genesis, forget about your knowledge of the New Testament and try to place yourself in the place of the Old Testament saints. They knew God, He revealed himself in several names. *"In the beginning God [Elohim],"* Genesis 1:1--all powerful, the creator.

He revealed himself as Jehovah, the self existing one. He revealed himself as El-Shaddai, the one that blessings would come through. He revealed himself as the great I Am, ever present; and many others are the names of God. What is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

Adam and Eve had sinned against God, God had pronounced death upon both of them, God separated them from his presence, drove them out from the presence of God and the tree of life; hell was the eternal abode of all men, had they died in that condition. But God declared that he would save sinners for his own praise and glory. He declared that he would send a Savior.

But what is the Savior's name, if thou canst tell?

In the Old Testament you don't have the word Jesus. What is his son's name, if thou canst tell? Remember we are back in the Old Testament, without the knowledge of the New Testament, looking at things as they would in the Old Testament.

After Adam and Eve had sinned, God promised that a Savior would come. *"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel,"* Genesis 3:15. This is the prophesy of one that would come and destroy the works of the devil. His heel would be bruised, yes, but what is his name, if thou canst tell?

"Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD GOD make coats of skins, and clothed them," Genesis 3:21. Blood had to be shed and a covering was provided, a type of God's provision through a sacrifice. A covering that would take the place of fig leaves so God would accept them. Yes, but what is his name, if thou canst tell?

"And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground and offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering," Genesis 4:1-4. *"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh,"* Hebrews 11:4. Abel knew that a Savior would come and

die and shed his blood, yes, but what is his name, if thou canst tell?

"Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD...Noah walked with God," Genesis 6:8-9. God told Noah to build an ark, it had three stories, which is a figure of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It was pitched within and without. The word "pitched" is the same word translated atonement. There was light that came from the top, from heaven, there was only one door. They had to go in that one door to be saved. It pictured God's way of salvation. It pictured God's judgment falling upon something rather than Noah. Yes, but what is his name, if thou canst tell?

"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all," Genesis 14:18-

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20. Abraham had just delivered Lot, then Melchizedek, king of Salem (which means peace), brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually," Hebrews 7:1-3. Yes, he is the Son of God, but what is his name? They did not know his name.

"And it came to pass after these

things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. . . . And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: . . . And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh," Genesis 22:1, 2, 7, 8, 10-14.

God will provide "himself" a lamb. Yes, but what is his name? You do not see the name of Jesus in the Old Testament. John the Baptist said, "*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world,*" John 1:29. But what is his name? They did not know his name.

God was speaking to Abraham after that he had willingly offered up Isaac on the mount. "*And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice,*" Genesis 22:18. "*Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. . . . Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made,*" Galatians 3:16, 19. Yes, but what is his name, what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

Job said, "*Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! . . . For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me,*" Job 19:23, 25-27. Notice what Job said. I know my redeemer liveth, yes, but what is his name? I know

that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. Yes, but what is his name? I know that I shall see God; yes, but what is his name? My eyes shall behold him, but I don't know his name. What great knowledge Job had. Yes, but what is his name, if thou canst tell?

"*Therefore the LORD himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel,*" Isaiah 7:14. "*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us,*" Matthew 1:23. A virgin will conceive and bring forth a son, God will be manifest in the flesh; yes, but what is his name?

"*Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities,*" Isaiah 53:1-11. Yes, but what is his name, if thou canst tell? There is no name.

Yes, they believed in a Savior. Yes,

they trusted a Savior. Yes, they believed he was a man. Yes, they knew God with us, but they did not know his name. "*For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour. . . . 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. . . . Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no Saviour,*" Isaiah 43:3, 7, 10, 11. Yes, I know all that, but what is his name, if thou canst tell?

"*But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting,*" Micah 5:2. Yes, I know where he is going to be born. He is going to be ruler in Israel. He is of old from everlasting, yes, I know all that; but what is his name, if thou canst tell?

Now 4,000 years have passed, God has given information of the past. Born of the tribe of Judah, he would be a man, God with us. You will search the scriptures and find that there was no name given to him in the Old Testament. "*But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons,*" Galatians 4:4-5. All those things were taught in the Old Testament scriptures. Yes, but what is his name, if thou canst tell?

"*Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS."* Thou shalt call his name JESUS. . . . What is his name? These are they that testify of me, but what is his name? And for the first time we see the name JESUS. "*For he shall save his people from their sins,*" Matthew 1:18-21.

"*And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah; And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.*

And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost," Luke 1:39-41. I am sure Mary mentioned the name Jesus. That is his name, Jesus. That is who we have been looking for, Jehovah saves, Jehovah is God. Thou shalt call his name JESUS.

"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end," Luke 1:31-33. What is his name? Now we can tell you, it's Jesus. They did not know that in the Old Testament. They did not know his name. ***"Thou shalt call his name Jesus."***

So as we look back in Genesis 3:15, her seed would be called Jesus. The coats of skin that clothed Adam and Eve was typical of Jesus Christ and his righteousness. Abel's faith in the sacrifice knowing that he had a Savior, but what was his name? It was Jesus. Noah built an ark typical of our Lord Jesus Christ that would protect him from the wrath that would come. But, what was his name? Jesus. The high priest Melchizedek was only a figure and type. Who is our great high priest that had no human father? His name is Jesus. Who was Jesus but God in the flesh. ***"Thou shalt call his name Jesus."*** In thy seed shall all nations be blessed. Who is that seed? Paul interpreted that seed which is Christ.

Job said my redeemer liveth, but what is his name? His name is Jesus. His name shall be called Immanuel which being interpreted, God with us. Yes, but what is his name? Jesus. Isaiah 53 speaks of him 42 times with personal pronouns. Who is it that was bruised for our iniquities, who is it that God let him bear our sins? His name is Jesus. Who is Jehovah only thy Savior? His name is Jesus. Who is the king of kings? His name is Jesus. Who is the ruler in Israel? His name is Jesus.

Are you beginning to see, ***"who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"*** God is the one that revealed himself in many different ways in the Old Testament. They knew there was a God. They knew there was a Savior. But what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

"That holy thing which shall be born

of thee shall be called the Son of God," Luke 1:35. Yes, but what is his name? His name is Jesus. John the Baptist got all excited in his mother's womb when he heard that name. You and I ought to get all excited when we hear that name.

Do you realize that for 4,000 years they worshipped a God, worshipped a Savior and did not know his name, as a man. Peter speaking at the day of Pentacost-- ***"He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ . . . This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, . . . Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ,"*** Acts 2:31-33, 36. That's his name, Jesus. What position does he occupy today, he is both Lord and Christ, he is prophet, he is priest, he is king.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," Acts 4:12. What is that name? Jesus.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," Romans 5:1. You don't see his name in the Old Testament. But the New Testament is full of it. ***"By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God . . . But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him,"*** Romans 5:2, 8, 9.

Oh yes, Abel believed that, Adam believed that, Noah believed that, Abraham believed that, all the Old Testament saints believed that--but they did not know his name.

You and I have been privileged to live in a day where we know the name of Jesus. ***"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily,"*** Colossians 2:9. You say, what does that mean? It means that the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Jesus is the name for all of them. Who is the Elohim, if it wasn't Jesus who created all things by the word of his power? Who is Jehovah, but the Lord, the self existing one, both now and for ever? Who is the El-Shaddai, who blesses us with all spiritual blessings, if it isn't Jesus Christ? Who are all the names of God, if it isn't wrapped up in the person of Jesus Christ? What is his name, if thou canst tell? I can tell you, his name is Jesus. He is the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

God was manifested in the flesh in that body of Jesus. ***"He that hath seen me***

hath seen the Father," John 14:9. He is the fulness of the Holy Spirit, he is God the Son made flesh, he is the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

"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: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father," Philippians 2:5-11. What is his name, if thou canst tell? Jesus.

On Calvary ***"Where they crucified him . . . and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS,"*** John 19:18-19.

"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," Mark 1:1. I've always had a problem with this verse. I knew the gospel was preached in the Old Testament but they did not know his name. David did not preach, believe on Jesus Christ, they did not know his name. Abel did not know his name. Noah did not know his name. Abraham did not know his name. They knew all about the person. They knew that God would be in the flesh, but they did not know his name. The gospel is how that Jesus died for our sins. We know his name. Now this verse makes sense. Don't you see, he has revealed himself. He has told us his name. Now we can go out and preach Jesus Christ and him crucified, what the Old Testament saints could not do.

Tell me his name again! Tell me his name again!! What is his name? I can tell you and you know it too, it's Jesus. Nobody knew it in the Old Testament. Now we can go out and preach Jesus Christ and him crucified. We can tell the world that he is the Elohim, he is Jehovah, he is the El-Shaddai, he is the great I Am, he is all of God in one body and his name is Jesus.

To you that believe, he is precious. ***"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,"*** Philippians 2:9-11.

It is no wonder the Apostle Paul said, ***"For I determined not to know any thing***

among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified," I Corinthians 2:2.

Do you know what we are going to do when we are raptured one day? We are going to be like him. We will see him as he is. Have you trusted him?

You see Abel trusted a man and he did not know his name, but he knew he was coming. God told Abraham, I will provide myself a lamb. That is exactly who Jesus Christ was, he was God himself in the flesh. ***"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world,"*** John 1:29. ***"For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy,"*** Luke 1:44. It is no wonder John the Baptist leaped in his mother's womb at the name of Jesus.

What are you going to do with this man that is called Jesus Christ? You either have to accept him as your Lord and Savior or reject him. You either come to him or turn away from him. ***"For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved,"*** Acts 4:12.

Noah had to go through the door to get into the ark. You have to go through Jesus Christ, ***"I am the door,"*** John 10:9. Nobody enters in except through the door. ***"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me,"*** John 14:6.

Job said, ***"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God,"*** Job 19:25-26. My redeemer, Job could not tell you his name. Jesus talking, ***"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad,"*** John 8:56.

The thief looked upon the cross and saw his name. ***"JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS."*** Do you know you have eternal life? ***"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ,"*** John 17:3.

Let us pray: "Our Father in heaven, we have tried to exalt the Lord. We have a message today and we know the name of Jesus. The gospel is how that Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried and raised again the third day. You have commissioned us now to go out and preach the gospel. To preach, the Old Testament had types and figures and all those things. Now we preach Jesus Christ and him crucified-- that he is God in the flesh, that he is the fulness of the Godhead bodily, that he has a name above every name. And unless men and women believe on the name of Jesus

Christ and trust him as Savior they are lost. All of the Old Testament types that testified of Jesus Christ are all wrapped up in the person of Jesus Christ. May you grant today some lost sinner or sinners the ability to know you and your Son Jesus Christ. What is his name, if thou canst tell? And when they see Jesus they will come."

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