



The Name - Our All

My Testimony thereof as the Instrument of Protection and Healing

Because I have decided that my personal testimony of the effectiveness of our Creator's Name as a *WEAPON*, *SHIELD*, and *SAFE REFUGE* for the believer, should include teaching from Scripture that confirms it as such, this document has become quite lengthy. In this busy life we don't always have the time to read such long articles. Thus I have typed the three testimonies in this font. If you wish, please scroll down to read only the testimonies.

Introduction:

It was in the early nineties while deeply involved in the Church system that I was first introduced to the true Hebrew Name of our heavenly Father (YaHUaH) and that of His Son (YaHUShA), our Saviour, Redeemer and Bridegroom. At that time the well-known Christian leader from Stanger, Dr. James van Zyl, wrote articles on the name Yeshua in his monthly publication: "Faith in the Word". The Ruach (Spirit) of YaHUaH used these articles to teach me the importance of names in general, and then particularly the utmost importance of His Name in the life of every believer.

Even though few people realize it, it is a fact of life that no-one can effectively function within society without his or her name. It is legislated law in every country that new babies are registered by name. What does that mean? **Literally** that the parents of that new little person must give their child a name and then **literally** have *that* name that they chose entered (written) in the State's Register of Births and Deaths. As soon as the father or mother of the child does this, the State issues a Birth Certificate in the **literal** name of that new little person. This certificate (certified legal document) is then the **literal** proof of the existence of that person. Without his or her name on a authentic, State-issued, Birth Certificate, that person has no "right of existence" within society.

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WITHOUT A NAME THAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN IN
THE REGISTER OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

A Birth Certificate is the foundational document upon which a person's life is built. Every other legal document with regard to a person is based (founded) upon his or her birth that has been registered by name. Today we use an identity document in order to function within society. This important document cannot be obtained by anyone without his or her Birth Certificate. On the ID book or card there are basically four pieces of information - a name, a number, a date of birth and the place of birth. In South Africa the first six of the 13 numerals that make up the ID number also reflects the date of birth as year, month and day - yy/mm/dd. This ID number is then permanently coupled to the name that the parent registered in the State's Register of Births and Deaths. Every ID number is unique and no two people will possess the same ID number.

A Good Name:

The term "good name" has, in most cultures, become an idiom for a person who has developed a "good character" in his or her life. These two terms are thus synonymous. And precisely because it has become an idiom, we have separated the character from the **literal** (letter) name. However, no-one can attain a "good name" without his or her **literal** name. Thus a character, good or bad, is always coupled to a **literal** name. In other words, a character, good or bad, can only exist in relationship with a name that consists of a set of alphabetical letters or characters. To prove this premise, I will list several well-known historical and contemporary names below. As soon as you read these names you will know whether the person has a good or bad name (character). I list these names in alphabetical order and not in order of the moral worth of the person/character.

Abraham Lincoln, Adolf Hitler, Angus Buchan, Barak Obama, Billy Graham,
Carl Marx, Prince Charles, princess Diana, Elvis Presley, Eugene De Kok,
Gary Player, Hansie Cronje, Helen Zille, Jacob Zuma, Julius Malema,
Mahatma Gandhi, Moses, Nelson Mandela, Pavarotti,
Robert Mugabe, Steve Hofmeyer
Winston Churchill

Did you notice that the moment a specific name was read, you immediately "saw" an image of that person in your mind. In your inner being you felt either good, bad or impartial towards that person even though you may never have met them. Also, you already have a formed opinion of their character based on what you have heard, read, or know personally about them. All this just as a result of several alphabetical **letters** or characters that form a recognizable name. Names then are what connects people together in a spiritual sense.

The whole point of this reasoning is that a character ("good name" or "bad name") is always related to a **literal** name. In this and the above several paragraphs I have highlighted the word **literal** to make the point that a name consists of alphabetical letters. (The origin of "literal" is the Latin word "litteralis" which means: alphabetical letter). A name made up of alphabetical characters is then the **literal** (actual or real) identity of a person or character. Just as a person cannot be separated from his character, so he cannot be separated from his name. Unless, of course, the name has been legally changed.

The Creator's Name / Character:

In exactly the same way our Creator and His Name are inseparable. He is His Name, and His Name represents His most Set-apart (Holy) Character. This concept of a person's **literal** name - a set of alphabetical letters - and the person (character) himself, forms a unit that is indivisible. The origin of this concept of the oneness of name and character is the Creator Himself. We find it throughout Scripture. He regards names as extremely important. In Scripture it is often the name given to a person that ultimately determines his character and ministry in life. This was so because originally names had meanings. In modern times, especially in Western cultures, names do not, generally, have meanings any more. Many parents simply put together random letters until they find something they like and then choose *that* as their child's name.

I wrote all this to counter the following general arguments that are used in order to deny the acceptance of the true Name of our Creator in favour of a substitute name that man has given Him that does not represent His Character simply because it is not the Name by which He introduced Himself to mankind.

- *When the Bible refers to the "name" of God, then it is actually referring to His character and not His actual name.*
- *He has many names.*
- *His name got lost over the centuries and we do not know how it is pronounced any longer.*
- *His name is too holy to be spoken. We show reverence for Him by not speaking it.*

These arguments are all weak attempts to, knowingly or unknowingly, destroy the **literal** true Name - YaHUaH - that He inspired His prophets to record approximately 7000 times in the Hebrew Scriptures. For if they were to accept the Father's true Name and understand its significance, then it would inevitably mean that they would have to reject the false name - Jesus - that over the last several centuries has attained so much sentimental value.

Much more than 'just' a Name:

In 1999 I received a very clear three-fold instruction from our Saviour to firstly desist from using the name Jesus in all my preaching, teaching and writing. Secondly, to make an in-depth study of what Scripture, as opposed to man, teaches about our Father and His Messiah's Names. Thirdly, to as far as possible make my findings known to the Church. This is primarily what I have kept myself busy with the past 15 years. The sincere question may be asked: "Are we as believers not supposed to keep ourselves busy with the Gospel?" I have also asked myself this question. In my studies I found the answer. I discovered that the entire Good News Message was concealed for truth searchers within the Creator's Name. According to Scripture there is no salvation without belief in His Name. (Joel 2:32, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Joh.1:12, 3:18, 1Joh.3:23, 5:13).

My goal was to answer the riddle posed in Proverbs 30:4. Soon I realized that the two-fold question in this riddle: *What is His Name, and what is His Son's Name, do you know it?* was not only about the **literal** Name, but also what the significance of this Name (its power and authority) was supposed to be in the life of every believer. In other words, that the **literal** Name of the Creator was not just "nice to know" information that meant nothing to the believer. In every believer's life it has a very significant role to play. Sadly few know it.

The reason why I stress this point is because my calling was not to exclusively teach about the **literal** Names of the Father and Son, but that these Names, in reality, are indispensable to every believer that wants to live in victory in every area, spiritual, physical, social, provision, protection, deliverance, healing etc. etc. When I say that the Names are indispensable, then I mean that they are to be USED in a **literal** sense by every believer. After all, every individual believer has a relationship with Him, not so? To just know the Names in respect of the Hebrew alphabetical characters that form them means nothing if that knowledge does not go hand in hand with its practical application in faith - trust-based obedience.

A Practical example:

To own a smart phone, and have a basic knowledge of that instrument as to how to make and receive calls, sms and WhatsApp messages, but the phone just lies there unused is foolish. Why have it in the first place? You can contact no-one nor can anyone contact you. You may just as well not have the phone. It's the same as having absolutely no knowledge

of how it works and what it can do for you. This situation is not the phone's fault, but the owner's fault.

To know the Father and Son's Names and not to use them is just the same as having no knowledge of them. They will be of no benefit to you. In John 17:6 YaHUShA prayed: *I have revealed Your **Name** to those that You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have guarded Your **Word**.* He revealed the Father's Name to His intimate disciples so that they would guard this Word of the Father's Name in order to USE it. In Hebrew the Word of Father's Name (YaHUaH) and the Hebrew word for "word" (DaBaR) have the same mathematical value of 26. In Scripture WORD and NAME are often synonymous.

YaHUaH - Y (Yod) = 10, H (Hey) = 5, U (Uau) = 6, H (Hey) = 5, Tot. 26

DaBaR - D (Dalet) = 4, B (Beit) = 2, R (Resh) = 20, Tot. 26

Therefore, because the numeric value of the Hebrew alefbeit is also inspired, we can conclude that the WORD that His disciples guarded was in fact the Father's Name that Messiah revealed to them. Of course He also gave them Father's WORDS (DaBaRiM = TORaH), John 17:8, and they received them and walked in them. But WORD singular also refers specifically to the **literal** Name. This WORD of Father's Name (YaHUaH) is also the Kernel or Seed from which all the other words of Scripture came.

The WORD - Near Us:

The WORD is very near you, in your mouth, and in your heart, that you may do it. Deut. 30:14.

The "Word" that is spoken of here are the instructions (TORaH) that He gave to His Covenant People through Moses. These instructions must be obeyed - done - in order to enjoy His blessings, Deut.28:1-2. But that "Word" includes the many instructions to honour His Name by calling upon it in times of worship, praise, need and trouble. It is thus the WORD singular, therefore one word, that must be near us - in our hearts and mouths.

This concept is confirmed by Messiah in His prayer recorded in John 17. There He couples Father's Name to Word singular. (Vs. 6, 11, 12, 14, 17, 26). If Scripture then teaches us that Messiah's Name (Father's Name that He inherited, Heb.1:4) is essential for salvation (Joh.1:12, 3:18, Acts 2:21, 4:12, 1Joh.3:23, 5:13), then we should see the relationship between the Name and the Word - that the two are actually ONE. Then without changing the meaning of Scripture we can interchange "Word" and "Name". I do this in the following verses to show how our perception of truth can be considerably deepened and enriched.

*Let the **Name** of Messiah dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing in your hearts with thanksgiving in honour of YaHUaH. And whatsoever you do in word or in deed, **do all in the Name of the Master YaHUShA**, thanking the Almighty Father through Him.*
(Col.3:16-17)

*For the **Name** of the Almighty is alive and powerful
and sharper than any two-edged sword...*
(Heb.4:12)

*He sent his **Name**, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.
(Ps.107:20)*

*So shall my **Name** be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not
return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please,
and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.
(Is.55:11)*

My Testimony of Protection and Healing:

The title of this article states that the Name is our *ALL*. In other words it is literally a spiritual instrument with which to make a success of every aspect of our lives. Naturally it is also a Scriptural truth that this successful lifestyle's foundation is a living and intimate relationship with our Creator through His Son, our Messiah and Saviour. There are people who have no interest in such a relationship and yet are apparently successful in life. This kind of success (usually measured in material prosperity) is temporal and means nothing without a relationship with the Creator.

After I was instructed to make an in-depth study of the Name, the first lesson that the Spirit taught me was that the Name is the Anointing (Power, Authority and Presence) of the Most High. According to Songs 1:3 the Bridegroom's Name is Ointment or Oil (Heb. SheMeN) that is poured forth (applied). And according to Is.10:27 it is this Ointment or Anointing (SheMeN) that causes the enemy's yoke to slip off the believer's shoulders and fall to the ground destroyed. The King's Name (YaHUSHa) is this OINTMENT that the believer can and must take the liberty to apply liberally in any situation.

In meditating upon this truth I realized that every believer has the responsibility to pour forth the OINTMENT and thus the ANOINTING by **literally** speaking (calling upon) the Name. In other words, shout it out in times of trouble - emergency, (Ps.20, 50:15, 91:14-16), sing and speak it lovingly in times of worship and praise, (Ps.7:17, 8:1&9, 9:2, 18:48, 22:22, 29:2), place Father's blessings upon yourself, your loved ones and other believers by speaking it out of your heart and mouth, (Num.6:22-27).

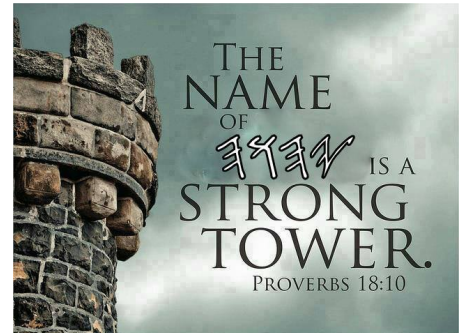
I started practicing this principle of Scripture by speaking the Beloved Name over and over so that it would become an intimate lifestyle for me. I spoke it lovingly and respectfully and did NOT see it as a magic word. It is the beautiful, powerful, fragrant and precious Name of my heavenly Bridegroom whom I love intensely. By developing a relationship with His precious Name, my love-relationship with my Bridegroom also intensified. His Name was continually in my mind and upon my lips. It truly was a delicious fragrance that enriched my whole life, Song 1:3 & Heb.13:15.

The First Testimony:

We lived in Berea, a dangerous suburb of Pretoria. From our porch we regularly saw the drug dealers plying their trade in the street in front of our house. One evening at the weekly prayer meeting of our church the Ruach haKodesh (Holy Spirit) warned me that we were not to take our Father's protection for-granted. He had given us the 'weapon', 'sword', 'shield', and 'safe refuge' of

His Name, and we were not to think that this armour would work if it was never USED. For example the Name was our Strong Tower (Prov.18:10), but if we did not run into that safe refuge, then we are still unprotected and a target of the enemy.

I arrived home at about nine thirty that evening and immediately shared Ruach's warning with Talana. She was already in bed. We went to work straight away and brought some fitting verses and the conditions attached to them before the Father's throne of grace, in prayer. We thanked Him for YaHUSHa's victory when He shed His precious Blood for our sins. We thanked Him for His Name that He had revealed (Joh.17:6 & 26) and gave to us as His(our) authority over the enemy. Then in faith and trust we "ran" into the Strong Tower of His Name by literally calling upon it and confessing that we believed in it according to His instructions in 1Joh.3:23. Then we fell asleep peacefully with our Abba's wonderful SHALOM in our hearts.



The next thing of which I was aware was when Talana woke me from a deep sleep. "What's wrong?" I asked and noticed on the radio clock that it was only 2am. "There is someone in the house" she whispered softly.

It was an old house with a wooden floor. I listened carefully and could clearly hear that someone was moving around in the house. Although I was slightly nervous, I was not afraid. To tell the truth there was a peace within me that was almost tangible. I knew that I knew that we were totally safe for only four hours ago upon Ruach's warning, we deliberately, in faith, fled into the Refuge of the Name YaHUaH. We had no doubt that we were out of danger, safely hidden.

*He that dwells in the SECRET PLACE of the Most High,
SHALL ABIDE (Heb. literally at night) under the shadow of the Almighty.
(Ps.91:1)*

Humanly speaking we should have been dead-scared. Remember we were two almost elderly people, without any self-protection such as a gun, in a dangerous area of the city, in a time that violent crime was running amuck and law-abiding citizens were the soft targets. I remember how I almost laughed out aloud when I realized that I was going to confront these criminals with the Name just as David confronted Goliath with the difference that I would be doing it in my birthday suit. At least David was dressed. Quite a predicament.

I should explain that we only had a four meter strip of garden in front of the house. On the corner, just outside the yard there was a street lamp. Our bedroom had light curtains and at night it was well illuminated like full moon. I got out of bed slowly and very carefully moved around the bed. Remember it was a wooden floor, and if I could hear them while they were gathering the loot, then they would certainly hear me if the floor creaked. It did! Suddenly there was a deathly silence in the house for a second or two - then pandemonium erupted from the sewing room at the back of the house. I ran down the passage and into the sewing room. It was empty, but the burglar bars were bent inward and up like an open car boot. I ran to the window and stuck my head out to look. Against the wall stood three black men. The one nearest the window held a meter-long steel pipe above his head ready to crush my head. But he stood there frozen. For a while we looked at each other then he dropped the pipe and the three of them scuttled down the side of the house and clambered out of the hole in the fence they had cut in order to gain entrance to the yard.

We found out later that they were in the bedroom where we were sleeping peacefully. We were totally defenceless. Why didn't they assault us or much worse, and rob us? The answer is quite simple. They could not! They were not permitted to harm us in any way. Neither did they know why not. I think they were very frustrated. We were soft targets and I think their plans were to leave no witnesses. When they could accomplish nothing in the bedroom, they decided to collect a few things and leave. Again they were frustrated for they fled with nothing. I don't think they were scared of me, and yet they fled in fear. What or who prevented the leader from crushing my skull with the pipe they used to break open the burglar bars?

It wasn't even necessary for me to call upon my Father's Name and ask for protection. We were already safely ensconced in His Name, that wonderful Strong Tower that He makes available for any believer. He even woke us from our peaceful sleep so that we could witness His protection and see how He put the enemy to flight without any to do from us. After the police arrived and did the necessary, of which nothing came, we returned to bed at 4 o'clock and continued sleeping until seven. HalleluYah !

It was about two months after the first incident that the second one occurred. This testimony is based on the clear instruction and promise of Ps.50:15, *And call upon Me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.* There is no doubt that this was an urgent command from the Father to His children that whenever there was trouble of any kind, then they *must* call upon Him so that His Name can be honoured by the testimony. No-one can insist to be saved from a dangerous situation if they do not call upon Him. In His mercy He will often save people in spite of them not having called upon His Name. However, without meeting the conditions of the promise, there is no guarantee of deliverance. If there is deliverance under these circumstances, then it is pure grace.

From the context of all Scripture, this command to call upon our Creator infers very strongly that it is His literal Name that needs to be called upon and honoured, the Name that He revealed as His true identity. Look for example at the first verse of Psalm 20; *YaHUaH hear you in the day of trouble, the Name of the Elohim (Mighty One) of Jacob defends you.* Also it is very clear that the protection assured to believers by Psalm 91, is as a result of loving Him (through obedience) and calling upon His Name. (14) *Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him. **I will set him on high because he has known My Name.*** (15) *He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble; **I will deliver him,** and honour him.* (16) *With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation.* Believing in and calling upon His Name is a salvation issue.

To restore the knowledge of His Father's Name to believers (Joh.17:6, 20 & 26) so that they can call upon it in the day of trouble is one of the reasons why Messiah YaHUShA came to this world. Even though He overflows with love, mercy and long-suffering, it is a historical fact that many believers were not saved in their day of trouble and often lost their lives. The only explanation for this dilemma is that they did not call upon His literal Name. They did not meet the conditions in order to receive the promise of deliverance.

People have taken me to task for this opinion which I firmly believe is based on Scripture. Their reasoning is usually: *"How do you know they did not call upon Him? You were not there. In any case, how do you know it was not the Father's will for them to die?"* I usually answer: *"If they did call upon His Name in those moments before dying or being murdered, then He is not true to His Word and His promises therein. Then they can stand before Him and say: 'You promised that if we would call upon you in the time of trouble **then You would deliver us.** We fulfilled Your conditions, but you did not fulfill Your promise.'* In any case, His Word is His will and in His Word He reveals that he has a good plan for each of His children (Jer.29:11) and that They will be satisfied with a long and full life," Ps. 91:14-16).

I know that this is a sensitive issue for most believers. Maybe some of these people did call: *"Lord help!"* or *"Jesus save me!"* and yet died an early, often violent, death. How can that be? Is He a liar that cannot or will not always stand by His Word? That cannot be, there must be another explanation. I am convinced that if these people did not live careless spiritual lives, out of His will, then the only other answer could well be that 'Lord' is a title of doubtful origin, and that 'Jesus' is not and never was the Messiah's Name.¹ It is a false name that a very sly enemy managed to deceive us with. Not for a moment am I saying that these people are unbelievers and eternally lost. Simply that through ignorance the enemy succeeded in destroying their earthly lives. Does our Father not say with sadness that His people are destroyed through lack of knowledge? (Hos.4:6).

It is also a fact that in this day and age very few believers have a working knowledge of the true Name of the Father and the Son. Not only are they ignorant of the literal Name, but also of the important role this Name should play in the day to day life of every person who confesses belief in the Son and His Redemption. Because of this lack of knowledge, the WORD of His Name will never be in the heart (belief in it - 1Joh.3:23), and in the mouth (calling upon it - Acts 2:21).

¹ As an addendum at the end of this article, documented historical proof is given showing that the name Jesus Christ was a political and religious move to get away from the Hebrew Roots of true Scriptural faith.

The Second Testimony:

I was busy trimming a large bougainvillea bush just outside our gate one afternoon. Our three grandchildren (5, 4 and 2) were with us that day. They were with me where I was working. I was beneath the bush with both arms above my head. In my right hand I held the shears and my left hand took the cut branches. Of course I wasn't aware of what was going on around me. Not very wise, especially in that area.

Suddenly a hand strongly gripped my left wrist, and I looked into the enraged eyes of a young black man. He held a knife threateningly in his other hand and spat out the words: "I will stab you! I will stab you!" I did not hesitate and called one word out loudly: "**YAHUSHA!!!**" This was without doubt a time of trouble and He instructed that in such a time I had to call upon Him. I obeyed without a second thought.

He seemed shocked and for a few moments we glared at each other. Then he broke eye contact and looked down at my cell phone pouch on my belt. He let go of my wrist and reached for my phone. That was when I made a mistake and decided to fight instead of 'standing still' and seeing the salvation of YaHUAH, (Ex.14:13). With my now free left hand I grabbed his knife wrist which was still held threateningly next to his head. With a single downward jerk he broke my grip and like lightning stabbed me in my neck just below my left jaw. I felt nothing and only knew I had been stabbed when blood spurted. Then for no apparent reason, the spurting stopped.

For a short while we wrestled below the bush. I somehow managed to enter the double gate and close it. Then I saw that the three children were still outside the gate with the criminal. They were screaming but he took no notice of them as he pushed the gate open again shouting: "Give me the phone!" I shut the gate again. When he pushed it open the second time I kicked him between the legs. When he staggered backward I pushed the gate shut again. With all the ruckus Talana came out and saw what was happening. She began to scream and picked up the hose pipe and started swinging it around. A pity I did not think of turning on the tap and spraying him in the face. The pressure is very strong there and it would have made a good water canon.

At last he gave up, glared at me a last time, shut his knife, turned around and nonchalantly strolled away. I was very relieved for the shock and loss of blood left me very weak. I could not have resisted for much longer. I sat down on the steps and Talana immediately brought the children to safety and locked the gate. I wanted to phone Marius who was probably on his way to pick up the

children, but noticed that my cell phone was gone. But the criminal was enraged for he did not get what he was after. With a struggle I went out again to where we had wrestled. There I found my phone amongst the cuttings. Then we called Marius and he arrived very quickly.

He immediately rushed me to hospital. It was past five. The Dr on duty took one look at me and said: "I'm not touching that. It's the artery and could start spurting if we mess around with it." He seemed to be very serious and Marius had to talk nicely to convince him to at least do something. Eventually he called a senior Dr. He arrived and after examining me decided to insert a draining tube into the stab wound and stitch around it. His reasoning was that if the artery opened up again I would bleed to death instead of suffocating to death. I'm not sure if he was joking for he seemed serious enough. From the tube they inserted the wound was about 6cm deep.

After repairing me and bandaging my neck they sent me home and told me to return the next day. When I returned 24 hours later the Dr was very surprised after he removed the bandage and tube. The wound was healed with just a small hole where the tube was. A few days later there was only a centimeter long scar as proof of the stab. With this incident I can testify of two miracles. The artery that stopped spurting a few seconds after I was stabbed, and the wound that healed overnight without any infection from the dirty knife.

Our Father is faithful to His promise to save us in times of trouble if only we would call upon His Name. **'HalleluYah! - Praise His Name!'**

The first two testimonies are about literal protection against physical death. The enemy cannot destroy the spiritual life of a true believer in Messiah YaHUSHA. He cannot spiritually murder a believer. But he can get to a believer's physical life if that believer is living a reckless, unrighteous lifestyle and is outside of the protection provided by the Almighty. The devil and his demons are continually on the lookout for careless believers who are outside the Strong Tower of YaHUaH's Name.

Be sober, be vigilant, for your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, is walking about seeking whom he may devour.
(1Pet.5:8)

We are instructed to be sober and vigilant. We must not be found outside of the protection of the Name. In all three my testimonies I was protected from physical death. In the first and third my wife Talana was also protected from potential violent death. In this time in which the Ruach (Spirit) taught me about the Name and its importance in a believer's life, my wife and I continually spoke about it and shared together. This knowledge about which we knew absolutely nothing in the past was very exciting. We began 'practicing' the Name in terms of speaking it out over each other. His children who often speak and think about

the Name is something that pleases our heavenly Father tremendously. Consider the following Scripture verses.

*Then they that feared YaHUaH spoke often
one to another: and YaHUaH listened, and heard it,
and a book of remembrance was written before Him for
them that feared YaHUaH, **and that thought upon His Name.**
And they shall be Mine, says YaHUaH of hosts, in that day when I make
up my jewels; **and I will spare them**, as a man spares his own son that serves him.
(Mal.3:16-17)*

Are we not a kingdom of priests under our High Priest YaHUSha ha Mashiach? Indeed we are, and the beloved apostle Yahuchanan (John) wrote in Revelation 1:5 & 6: *And from YaHUSha Messiah, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **and has made us kings and priests** unto Elohim and his Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

If we then know that we are priests, should we not take to heart the Torah instruction in Numbers 6? Here YaHUaH instructs the priests to literally place His Name upon His children by speaking it out. If we do it, He says that He will bless us and keep (protect) us, make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. And give us His shalom (peace that passes all understanding). More about this at the end of the article.

Almost every day Talana and I would take hands, look each other in the eyes, and then speak the exact words according to those instructions. In this way we are literally placing His Name upon each other. Over the years we have experienced His manifold blessings and wonderful peace.

The third testimony is about both protection and the healing power that is part of our inheritance, found in His Name.

The Third Testimony:

When I was a young man one of my spiritual mentors said to me: "Trust in the Lord, but keep your ammunition dry." In other words, be prepared and use the common sense that your Creator gave you. For both of us I acquired a pepper gas sprayer. I kept mine in my shirt pocket.

Exactly three weeks after that young criminal stabbed me, he returned with a pistol and a mate. When I got home after work that day I parked the scooter next to the house and went in. After dinner I sat at my desk to study. At 7 o'clock I decided to put away the scooter in the garage. Talana accompanied me. I unlocked the security gate and walked out with her right behind me. A few meters outside the house two figures came towards me from the back fence. It was quite dark behind the house and when the one in front was about two meters from me with his gun pointed at

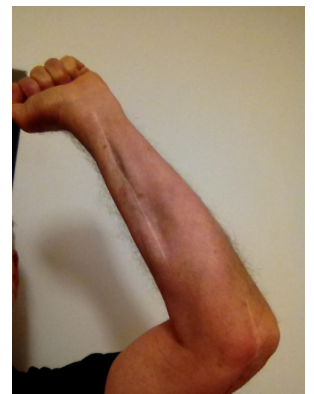
me, he spat out angrily: "I will shoot you! I will shoot you!" I immediately recognized my former attacker by his voice.

When she saw them Talana ran back into the house to activate the alarm. I retreated from the advancing threat. Again there was an inexplicable calmness over me, no fear. While I retreated slowly, I removed the pepper gas spray from my pocket making sure the nozzle was pointed away from me. When the attacker was about a meter and a half from me I suddenly stretched my arm and sprayed him full in the face. As he staggered backward he fired. Then the alarm went off. Even though I was slung backward about three or four meters, I was not even aware that My left arm was hit as I did not feel a thing. When I picked myself up from the ground they were gone. His mate must have helped him for the pepper gas had most certainly blinded him.

It was only when I moved into the light streaming from the back door that I saw I was covered in blood. My left arm was a bloody mess - plowed open from the wrist to the inner elbow. The alarm was still shrieking and I walked in calling Talana. I found her hiding behind the bedroom door. She was in shock for she had heard the shot before the alarm went off and thought the worst - that I was dead and they were coming for her.

Apart from the fact that we were both protected from almost certain death that evening, the testimony is actually about the wonderful healing power of our Saviour's Name. I am convinced that He allowed it all to give us a testimony to the esteem and honour of His Name, and to share this message with other believers who are totally ignorant of the power, authority and anointing that is available in USING His Name in faith.

To make a long story short, at the hospital they immediately took x-rays and the doctor informed me that he had bad news. The bullet had shattered my elbow and he did not think that they would be able to do much to repair it. This happened in 2001, thirteen years ago, and the photo clearly shows the scars where the bullet entered at the wrist and exited at the elbow. I saw the x-rays and was obviously depressed by what I saw. I was admitted and the operation was scheduled for three days later.



During those three days, while suffering much pain, I had enough time to meditate upon the Word. Specifically upon what the Ruach (Spirit) had already taught me with regard to Songs 1:3, that the

Name was also a spiritual Ointment that could be applied for healing. As I thought upon this I saw the relationship between these words of Solomon and the New Covenant instruction penned by Messiah's half-brother, Ya'akov, that if anyone was sick, the elders had to anoint him with oil in the Name of YaHUShA, Ja.5:14. I immediately began to "anoint" myself with His precious Name.

Following is an example of a typical prayer that I prayed during those three days. "Father, in Scripture we are taught that Messiah's Name is the Anointing that is poured forth. Thank you that He (His Name) is the Word that You sent to heal us, (Ps.107:20). Thank you that this Word will never return to you empty, but will accomplish that for which you sent it out. (Is.55:11). Thank you that Your Son promised that if we shall ask anything in His Name, then He will do it for us so that You, Father, may be glorified, Joh.14:13-14. Therefore I now take the liberty of pouring out this precious spiritual Ointment upon my broken body. YaHUShA, YaHUShA, YaHUShA. This healing Oil is saturating every bone, muscle, vein, skin and nerve tissue in my arm and is bringing healing and complete recovery. YaHUShA, YaHUShA, YaHUShA, thank you for the privilege of being able to liberally pour it out, while knowing without a doubt that it is working. Amein."

Often when I was just lying there in pain and did not have the strength to pray, then I would just speak His precious Name over and over. While doing that my spiritual eyes "saw" how my whole body, inside and out was saturated with the oil. What I was doing without even realizing the REALITY of it, was pouring out over myself the most powerful Healing medicament. According to Scripture the spiritual world is a much greater reality than the physical world to which we are still bound through our physical bodies.

While waiting for the operation, they did not stitch up the two wounds (forearm and elbow). The team of doctors (I was in the Academic Hospital) decided to first work on my shattered elbow before treating and closing up the wounds. Naturally I suffered much pain and had very little restful sleep. That motivated me to continually "anoint" myself.

I cannot remember much of waking out of the anesthetic the afternoon after the operation, just that it was very unpleasant and the pain in my arm was almost unbearable. But the following morning after a restless night in which I continued to murmur the Name over and over, I discovered that there was only a bandage around my arm and I was able to freely bend my elbow. This surprised me for the doctor had warned me that I would have a straight inflexible arm the rest of my life.

Well, when the whole team of professors and doctors together with many medical students gathered around my bed later that morning to discuss my case, I felt a tremendous excitement in my inner being. While they were discussing my case, the young doctor that had initially treated me stood to one side with an expression on his face that I couldn't fathom. When they were finished with me and began to move away, I saw that "my doctor" was also going without talking to me. I beckoned him, and as he approached I flexed and un-flexed my arm freely and asked: "Doctor?" He answered curtly as if disappointed: "There's nothing wrong with your elbow." and walked away.

I think that during the operation when they wanted to try and "fix" my elbow they discovered that there was nothing wrong with it. Even though the proof of severe damage in the form of the x-ray plates were there, someone had to get the blame for the faulty diagnosis. The poor junior doctor got the blame. A miracle was just not an option to the medical fraternity. The truth is that the Ointment of the Name totally healed my elbow. I have the scars to prove it.

And His Name, through faith in His Name has made this man well, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which is by Him, has given him this perfect healing, in the presence of you all. (Acts 3:16)

In Conclusion:

After the operation I was kept in hospital for another week. The wounds healed surprisingly quickly and very soon I again had the full use of my arm and hand. I made good use of the week in hospital by blessing other suffering patients through "anointing" them with the Name. We are Renewed Covenant priests under the authority of our High Priest YaHUSHa Messiah. He instructed us as follows:

*And YaHUaH spoke unto Mosheh, saying,
Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, In this
way you shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,
**YaHUaH bless you, and keep you:
YaHUaH make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you: YaHUaH lift up His
countenance upon you, and give you peace.** And they
shall put My Name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.
(Numbers 6:22-27)*

These instructions are very specific. We do not have the right to deviate from them in any way. He gives Mosheh the exact words the priests are to speak over His people - the children of Israel. In that prayer of blessing that has to be spoken over the people, the literal Name appears three times. Then in explanation the Father says that His blessings lie in the Name that the priests will be placing upon His people.

What a wonderful privilege we have in this good and perfect gift that our heavenly Father has given us with which to serve one another in love.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.
(Ja.1:17-18)

Addendum

JESUS CHRIST - WHERE DID THIS NAME COME FROM?

The First Council of Nicaea and the "missing records"

Up until the First Council of Nicaea, the Roman aristocracy primarily worshipped two Greek gods_Apollo and Zeus_but the great bulk of common people idolised either Julius Caesar or Mithras (The Romanised version of the Persian deity Mithra). Caesar was deified by the Roman Senate after his death (15 March 44 bc) and subsequently venerated as "the Divine Julius". The word "Saviour" was affixed to his name, its literal meaning being "one who sows the seed", i.e., he was a phallic god. Julius Caesar was hailed as "God made manifest and universal Saviour of human life", and his successor Augustus was called the "ancestral God and Saviour of the whole human race" (Man and his Gods, Homer Smith, Little, Brown & Co., Boston, 1952). Emperor Nero (54-68), whose original name was Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus (37-68), was immortalised on his coins as the "Saviour of mankind" (ibid.). The Divine Julius as Roman Saviour and "Father of the Empire" was considered "God" among the Roman rabble for more than 300 years. He was the deity in some Western presbyters' texts, but was not recognised in Eastern or Oriental writings.

Constantine's intention at Nicaea was to create an entirely new god for his empire who would unite all religious factions under one deity. Presbyters were asked to debate and decide who their new god would be. Delegates argued among themselves, expressing personal motive for inclusion of particular writings that promoted the finer traits of their own special deity. Throughout the meeting, howling factions were immersed in heated debates, and the names of 53 gods were tabled for discussion. "As yet, no God had been selected by the council, and so they balloted in order to determine that matter... For one year and five months the balloting lasted..." (God's Book of Eskra, Prof. S.L. MacGuire's translation, Salisbury, 1922, chapter xlviii, paragraphs 36, 41).

At the end of that time, Constantine returned to the gathering to discover that the presbyters had not agreed on a new deity but had balloted down to a short list of five prospects: Caesar, Krishna, Mithra, Horus and Zeus (Historia Ecclesiastica, Eusebius, c. 325). Constantine was the ruling spirit at Nicaea and he ultimately decided upon a new god for them. To involve British factions, he ruled that the name of the Druid god, Hesus, be joined with the Eastern Saviour-god, Krishna (Krishna is Sanskrit for Christ), and thus Hesus Krishna would be the official name of the new Roman god. A vote was taken and it was with a majority show of hands (161 votes to 157) that both divinities become one God. Following long-standing heathen custom, Constantine used the official gathering and the Roman apotheosis decree to legally deify two deities as one, and did so by democratic consent. A new god was proclaimed and "officially" ratified by Constantine (Acta Concilii Nicaeni, 1618). That purely political act of deification effectively and legally placed Hesus and Krishna among the Roman gods as one individual composite. That abstraction lent Earthly existence to amalgamated doctrines of the Empire's new religion; and because there was no letter "J" in alphabets until around the ninth century, the name subsequently evolved into "Jesus Christ".
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