

NAME • IDENTITY • DOCTRINE



What did Jacob wrestling w the “Angel” or “Man” signify? Well, one thing that has stood out for a number of years, is that the Name of God was concealed, as well as THE IDENTITY of that Man (or Angel) whom Jacob wrestled at Mt. Peniel.

THE IDENTITY of that Man was truly **the mystery** which had been hid for ages and for generations — who was not yet made manifest, until God would make known what was the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, (which we should all know by now, bc I share it often) which is, Christ in you (and in me!), the hope of glory.

Therefore, Jacob wrestled that Man , at a time the identity of the only begotten (‘literal’ and ‘divine’) Son of God was not to be revealed to the world just yet...

“...but when the fullness 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 adoptions of sons. And bc we are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying Abba, Father.” (Gal 4:4-6)

So...

“He came unto His own, and his own received Him not [Israel]. Bt as many as received Him [the remnant of Israel according to the election of grace + the fullness of the Gentiles that were (and are) coming into the kingdom], to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to THEM THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME” (John 1:11-12)

So, Who is this Person that God sent into the world?

Well...

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art ~~John the Baptist~~: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, **BUT WHOM SAY YE THAT I AM?** And Simon Peter answered and said, **THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD** [this Stone/this confession is the heart of the testimony of Jesus and it commences at our new birth, upon entering into the veil of His flesh: when we believe on the Son, are granted repentance, we surrender to God's divine counsel and gladly declare God righteous ('YAH saves!') calling on His Son's name, fully immersed into the waters, baptized into Christ's death. Pls ref. Acts 4:11-12, 1 John 4:15, Philip 3:9-10, 2 Tim 1:8, Matt 10:32-33, Ps 119:46, Rom 10:9-10, Philip 2:9-11, Rev 3:5, Prov 18:10]. And Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, —> **BUT MY FATHER** which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and **UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH** 🗨️; and the gates of hell **SHALL NOT** prevail against it." (Matt 16:13-18)



And again,

"...Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, **A STONE** 🗨️." (John 1:42)

As it is written, by the prophet Isaiah,

"Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I LAY IN ZION **for a foundation a STONE** 🗨️, a **TRIED STONE**, a **PRECIOUS CORNER STONE**, a **SURE FOUNDATION**: he that believeth shall not make haste." (Isaiah 28:16)

And by the prophet Zechariah,

"And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, **Behold the Man** whose name is THE BRANCH 🌱 and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Even **he shall build the temple of the LORD** 🗨️; and **he shall BEAR THE GLORY**, and shall **SIT** and **RULE upon his throne**; and **he shall be a PRIEST upon his throne**: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both [Abba, Father & His beloved Son]." (Zechariah 6:12-13)

So Who is this, that shall bear the glory and sit and rule upon His throne? ...a Priest?

👤 "But **unto the Son he saith, THY THRONE, O God**, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore **God, even thy God, hath ANOINTED THEE WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS** [His literal divine Son, now as the Son of man, bears the glory of God] above thy fellows." (Hebrews 1:8-9)

👤 "Seeing then that **we have A GREAT HIGH PRIEST**, that is passed into the heavens, **JESUS THE SON OF GOD**, let us hold fast our profession. 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**." (Hebrews 4:14-15)

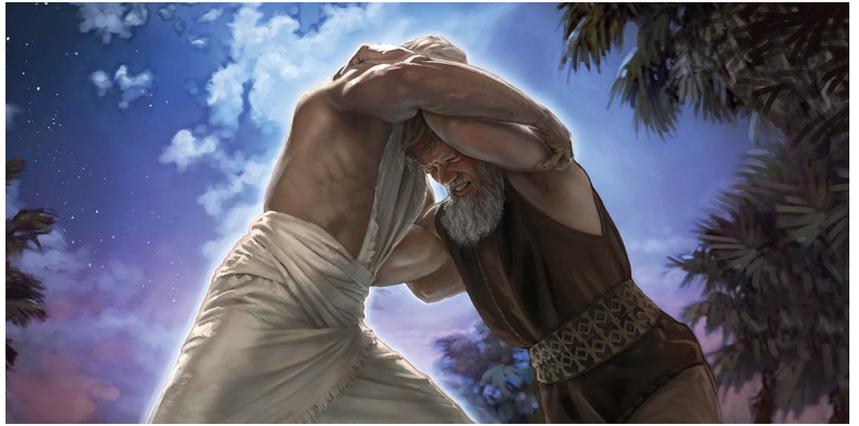
As Messiah the Christ here on earth, just before being glorified by God His Father in heaven...

👤 "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink**. —> He that **believeth on me, AS THE SCRIPTURE HATH SAID**, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, WHICH THEY THAT BELIEVE ON HIM SHOULD RECEIVE: FOR THE HOLY GHOST WAS NOT YET GIVEN; BECAUSE THAT JESUS WAS NOT YET GLORIFIED. [Jesus is officially glorified on Pentecost])" (John 7:37-39)

Let's rightly divide to make sure 'the rivers of living water' flows from God the Father **thru Christ, the Rock...**

👤 "Behold, I will stand before thee there upon **the rock** in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, **and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink**. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel." (Exodus 17:6)

👤 “Moreover, brethren, **I would not that ye should be ignorant**, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And **did all drink the same spiritual drink**: for they drank of **that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.**” (1 Corinthians 10:4)



👤 “Therefore, when he was gone out [the son of perdition, Judas Iscariot left], Jesus said, Now is **the SON OF MAN GLORIFIED**, and **GOD IS GLORIFIED IN HIM**. If God be glorified in him, God shall also **GLORIFY HIM IN HIMSELF**, and shall straightway **GLORIFY HIM.**” (John 13:31-32)

👤 “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee... I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, **O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.** I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.” (John 17:1,4-7)

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, **THAT WILL I DO**, that the **FATHER** may be **GLORIFIED IN THE SON.**” (John 14:13)

👤 “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God **BY JESUS CHRIST**. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I **LAY IN SION A CHIEF CORNER STONE, ELECT, PRECIOUS**: and he that believeth **ON HIM** shall **NOT BE** confounded [‘confused’, as in perhaps the many “theologies” (sorceries) re: varying ‘Jesus-ideologies’ w in christendom that seek to re-define His Father, the Godhead, to distinguish and set their sects and groups’ beliefs, apart from others]. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, **THE STONE** which the builders disallowed, **THE SAME IS MADE THE HEAD of THE CORNER**, and a **STONE of STUMBLING** and a **ROCK of OFFENCE**, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. (1 Pet 2:6-8)

The Name of God, as well as the identity of His Son was a mystery for ages. Yet Abba sent forth His Son to reveal His love and manifest His name (Jn 17:4-7, 25-26). Vitally important for us to understand this foundation Abba lays in our hearts and mind who believe in His Son, bc the divine order of authority in heaven is established upon this Rock (or upon this reality of Truth): the Father and His Son.

👤 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world **THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED**. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed —> **IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD.**” (John 3:16-18)

It's in His name, the Son of God's name, and in His identity that the Son of God finished the work of salvation which His Father sent Him to do. Only thru genuine belief in the Son can His Father be revealed to us — as He did in br Peter and the apostles. For years I've seen this parallel btwn Jacob wrestling w the Man, and then in awe of His lovingkingness Jacob asked His name, and also br Peter's revelatory confession of the true identity of the Son of man, and how believing on His identity and His inherited name, compels one to confess, declare, proclaim, prophesy, and shout it from the roof tops, what only our heavenly Father could reveal to us, plainly. I juxtapose [my remarks below, and incl CAPS for emphasis, in brackets],

“And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day [‘Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest’, Heb 4:11; ‘Bc strait is the gate and narrow is the way’, Matt 7:13-14]. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him [‘Strive to enter in at the strait gate’, for many I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able’, for I am the Door, by me, if any man enter in he shall be saved’, Lk 13:23-30, Jn 10:1-10]. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me [‘Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona...’]. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel [‘And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon



the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A STONE ’: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed [‘...And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and UPON THIS ROCK (the revelation Peter received of the Father re: His Son) I will build MY CHURCH  and the gates of hell shall NOT prevail against it’]. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? [‘but whom say ye that I am?’, ‘Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.’, Matt 16:15, 20] And he blessed him there [‘And I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...’]. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face [‘For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give THE LIGHT of the knowledge of THE GLORY of God IN THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST’, Jn 14:8-10, Jn 17:5, Col 1:13-15, Jn 1:1, 14, 18, Prov 8:29-31, Heb 1:6, Philip 2:6, 2 Cor 4:4-6, Heb 1:3, Exo 24:10, Ezek 1:26-28], and my life is preserved [‘to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and PRESERVED in Jesus Christ, and called’, Jude 1:1].” (Gen 32:24-30, cross ref this passage alongside John 4:12-26).

Taking the name of the Lord in vain, is one of the commandments that many tend to glaze over in these last days. I suppose it’s bc many assume it’s not as important as, say, keeping a certain day of the week, or putting no other idol before Yah. I agree these are vital, however something I never ever really considered before came to mind one afternoon last month: all the apostles preached the Gospel of the everlasting kingdom, which canNOT be preached w out preaching on things concerning the name of the Son of God — the kingdom of God is in Him, and His name reveals His identity, Matt 1:21, 1 Jn 4:14, Jn 3:18. Abba is v intentional: He sent His only begotten Son, in His own name (Jn 5:43-44) to seek and save that which is lost... and invites whosoever that hears, to believe on His name for eternal life. So, how is it that we show our affinity for and allegiance to His Son? Would it not be commenced at our "public declaration OR confession", calling upon His name at our water baptism into Christ's death, for the remission of our sins? The Son of God's name is not merely just a language but a declaration/confession before all of God's righteousness, where He begins the work of His power, glory and life w in the obedient humble believing soul. The identity of the Son of God and the name are inseparable. Yet many seem to take the name of God for granted: attaching His Son's name or slapping it onto strange and foreign doctrines not revealed anywhere in Scripture. All of which Abba did not send His Son to testify of.

In Rev 22:14-15, anyone that 'loveth or maketh a lie' (bearing false witness) will not enter in thru the gates into that city.

Something for us all to ponder prayerfully: is there anything in our hearts that we have an affinity for that is man-made or denies, or opposes or blasphemes the Word of God that we need to repent of? Is an alternate identity, associated to a differing doctrine, in which the Son of man did not say, nor confess, nor preach, nor teach, nor command or testify of... associated to His inherited name [the Name above every other name], would this be ‘taking the name of the Lord in vain’? If so, is there any evidence of this in the Garden of Eden, and the invitation to rest w Abba thru His Son, as Adam and Eve did? Two beings joined together as one flesh (leaving and cleaving for life in Covenant Marriage), abiding holy and covered in the glory of God, knowing what the will of the Lord is and living upright — Is the name of God relevant in the opening scenes of foundation of the world, where He testifies by making 2 human beings in the image and after the likeness of Him and His Son?



Our Beloved Messiah, did not have to go to the extent that He went to, in order to make the way for us to be forgiven of our sins and be saved by His authored and finished Life/His Spirit of Truth. His name is not merely just announcing one of our Babylonian bastardized languages either, let's be real. We all speak varying languages due to what went down in the city of Babel ages ago. So to allow a language to deflect us from the truth of the fact that **Abba sent His Son in His own Name**, for a specific purpose (*cough! cough!* Salvation) can be seen as immature, combative, petty and partial-hearted. Let us not fuss over silly things like that, that do not edify the ears that hear us: making a mountain out of mole hill, w your preferred language, is foolishness. We're missing the point. It's never been about which *language* we confess His name in, but **if we know and believe He is who He says He is — faithfully confessing His name before ALL men, in the language we speak**. Abba desires to make known to ALL nations who believe on His Son, what this mystery is which was hid for ages and generations. The least we can do is agree w Him.

The Messiah's name certifies and officiates God's doctrine, bc God's doctrine demonstrates the Truth of His literal and divine Son's identity [by evidence and power: the power of the living God]. Which confirmed the msg that He was sent to give and teach us so that we can be saved. This same msg Christ commissioned His apostles and His disciples to continue in and to teach all nations. **Signs** do follow **His brethren, who love Him, keep His commandments** (as opposed to Moses') and keep His sayings, as we are now His faithful and true witnesses, bearing His name and His reproach, and speaking the judgments of truth and the judgments of peace to every man our neighbor. Our Master, Teacher, Guide and Wonderful Counselor is w us and will never ever leave us nor forsake us. He verifies that His Spirit/His eternal Life is in fact working w in all who faithfully call upon His name, and He comes to make His abode w in.

👼 JOHN 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

👼 JOHN 5:43 - I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

👼 JOHN 3:18 - He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD.

👼 ACTS 10:43 - TO HIM give all the prophets witness, THAT **THROUGH HIS NAME WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM shall receive remission of sins.**

👼 ACTS 2:38 - Repent, every one of you, and BE BAPTIZED in the NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SIN, and YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

👼 ACTS 3:18 - And his name THROUGH FAITH IN HIS NAME hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: YEA, THE FAITH WHICH IS BY HIM hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

👼 PSALMS 2:12 - Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

👼 1 JOHN 3:23 - And **this is his [God the Father's] commandment**, that **we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ**, and **love one another**, as he gave us commandment.

👼 JOHN 20:30-31- And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that **ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;** and that **believing ye might have life through his name.**



Photo Credits: dynamic pictorials that I felt really captures or illustrates how one might be working out their salvation w fear and trembling, in the Spirit, at this hour. First painting, a lovely scenic, picturesque composition, 'Jacob Wrestled', by Buena Johnson; second painting, loved the cinematic angle, and photorealism, showcasing the strength of wrestling w one's whole heart -- artist unknown; third photo is shot near Mt Peniel; fourth painting, artist is unknown, but w strong influences from Oceanic and African Art, Cubism, Neoclassicism and Surrealism which I didn't expecting for this sort of depiction; and lastly, a vividly colorful rendering that has this sort of abstract, symbolic element that one might perceive in a vision or dream, 'Jacob Wrestling the Angel', by Aaron and Alan Hicks