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THE CHARTER PROMISE

John 16:23, 24, "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

Let us study what the name of Jesus means to us. We shall look at the prayer promises that Jesus made in regard to His name. We have the charter promise given to us in John 16:23. Jesus said this to His disciples just before He went to Calvary, just before He went away, "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing..."

What does He mean when He says, "In that day"? Well, you see, Jesus is looking to the future. He is saying, "I am going away. I am going to Calvary. I am going to die. I am going to be raised from the dead. I am going to stand on High. I am going to sit down at the right hand of the Father, and a new day is coming. A new testament, a new covenant is coming into being...And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto (up to now) have ye asked nothing in my name."

The disciples did not pray in the name of Jesus while He was on the earth. No one prayed in His name when He was on the

earth. It would not have worked. It would not have done any good. So He said, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask (in my name) and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

Now this promise is a most marvelous statement, and it is true. It is perhaps the most staggering that ever fell from the lips of the Man of Gallilee. We have the right to His name, that name of omnipotence.

I want you to notice a little side thought here please. It startled me when I first saw it. John is the only gospel which tells us about praying in the name of Jesus. I want you to notice also that there is no mention made of faith or believing in regard to prayer here in John. Why?

Notice that Jesus did not say, "If you believe, or have faith..." He said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." He has given to us His name. You see, it is ours, and what is ours we don't have to have faith to use.

You have two feet. They are yours. What if someone asked for prayer that they might use their feet to get to their car. No, we know that they are our feet, and we use them.

What would you think if someone said, "Wait a moment, I have a prayer request before we pray. I want this congregation to pray

that I will have enough faith to get in my car and go home." No, you don't think about that do you? You know you have a key in your pocket, you know the car is yours, and you just use what is yours because you know it is yours.

I want to tell you that the key is the name of Jesus. Praise God, we have the key that unlocks the treasure chest of Heaven. We have the key that puts at our disposal all of the power of Heaven.

You see, when we were born into the family of God, the right and privilege of the name of Jesus became ours. The name of Jesus takes the place of Jesus personally in performing miracles, delivering from Satan's authority, and bringing God upon the scene.

The disciples, while Christ was with them, had no need for the name of Jesus. He met every need. But now that the time had come for Him to leave, He told them that whatsoever they would ask the Father in His name, talking about prayer, the Father would give it to them.

"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." Oh Father God, Spirit of God, help us to catch a glimpse of the name of Jesus.

I remember several years ago, I was preaching a meeting in East Texas. I was studying a-

long the lines that I am speaking about now - the name of Jesus. I am sorry to say that I had been a minister for a number of years, and the name of Jesus hadn't meant to me just what it should mean. I am afraid that it hasn't meant to us yet what it should.

I can remember, in the afternoon in my bedroom, as I lay across the bed studying about this subject, and reading these scriptures about the name of Jesus, I read this scripture where Jesus said, "In that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you."

I read on, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." Notice that He says, "That your joy may be made full." Your joy cannot be made full as long as your loved ones are not saved. Your joy cannot be made full as long as your loved ones are sick and oppressed of the enemy. It just can't. But He said, "Ask...that your joy may be full."

Some way or another, I caught a glimpse of the name of Jesus and of our authority to use that name, until it seemed that I could hear (though I didn't actually hear anything audibly) God challenging me to use the name of Jesus and break the power of the devil over the lives of my loved ones, and claim their redemption.

I remember my oldest brother, and I said to myself, "Well, if it would work on him, it would work on any of them, because he is the meanest one of the bunch. He is the black sheep of the family." (There is no use in your smiling about it, you have a black sheep in your family too.)

I remember I rose up off that bed with my Bible in one hand,

and I lifted my other hand to Heaven. I said, "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I break the power of the devil over my brother. And I claim his deliverance from Satan, and his salvation in the name of Jesus Christ."

I saw something that day I had never seen before. He told us to ask the Father in His name when we pray. But what is He talking about here? He is talking about using His name against the enemy.

At the gate called Beautiful, and throughout the Acts of the Apostles we never see them pray about anything, even about the sick. They don't ask God to heal the sick. Peter said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

They asked it in Jesus' name. I looked up this Greek word that is translated "ask", and I found that it also means "demand". "Whatsoever ye demand in my name." You are not demanding of Jesus. It was not Jesus that had that crippled fellow bound in the third chapter of Acts, it was the devil. And Peter was demanding in Jesus' name, asking in His name, that he be loosed, and that he walk.

We have the right to use His name. So I saw that that day. I got a glimpse of it. And I rose up off that bed and said, "In the name of Jesus, I break the power of the devil over my brother's life. And I claim his deliverance and salvation in the name of Jesus Christ."

Several days later I was in another meeting, and staying in the parsonage. On Tuesday, as I started into the bedroom from the living room, the devil spoke to me. It was almost as real to me as someone physically speaking. The voice said, "Oh come on now, you really don't think that your brother will really ever be saved do you?"

I started to debate it for a moment in my mind. Then I just shut my mind off, and I wouldn't even touch it in thought life.

Way down in the inside of me, in my heart, in my spirit, I began to laugh. And that laugh just sort of bubbled up and came out my mouth. I said, "No, no devil, I don't think he will be saved. I have never thought he would be saved. I know it. You see, I took the name of Jesus and broke your power over his life, and claimed his deliverance and salvation. That settled it."

On Thursday, at the same place, the devil challenged me again in the same way. Notice he said, "You don't really think..." As long as Satan can keep you in the thought realm, in the arena of thought, he'll whip you. But if you will hold him in the arena of faith, you will defeat him.

Remember this, Proverbs 7:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." That means don't lean to your own thinking, your own thoughts.

II Corinthians 10:4,5 says, "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations (reasonings), and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." I just wouldn't let him get me in that thought realm.

The next Tuesday I got a letter from my wife which said, "Your brother got saved Sunday night down in Dallas." I wrote back and said, "That's nothing, I have been knowing it for two weeks." It had been two weeks or so since I had taken the name of Jesus, and I had known it

ever since. Oh that name, that name above every name.

There is a special authority invested in the name of Jesus. There is authority invested in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the earth. Some of us have touched that now and then. None of us have ever been able to abide in it like God wants.

But I thoroughly believe, and am convinced, that in these last days, just before Jesus comes, that there will arise a body of believers that will know. That group will learn and take advantage of what belongs to them. They will learn and know how to use that Name that is above every name.

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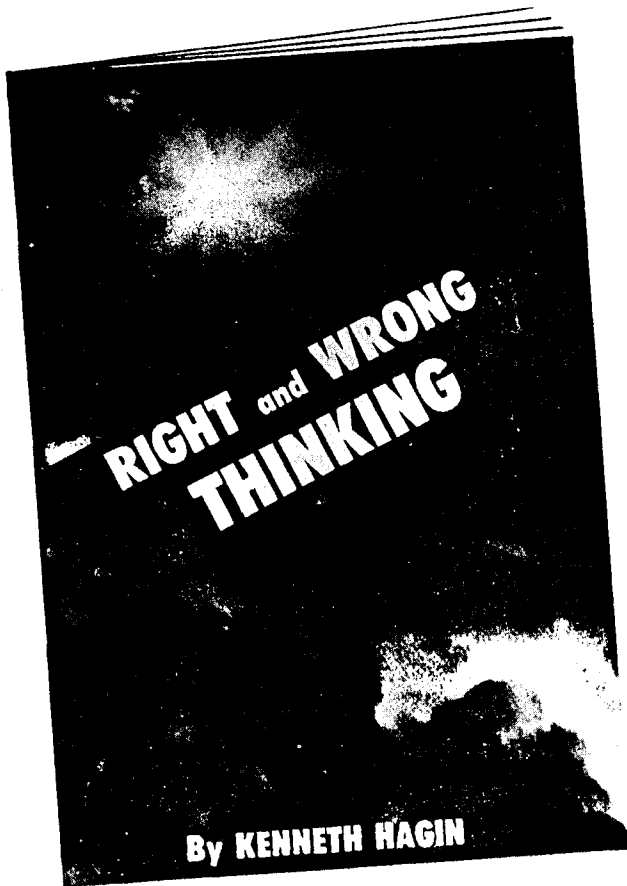
I look forward every day to listen to your radio program. I anxiously look forward to your paper you send me each month. I can hardly wait each month to see what it says and then most of the time I can apply it to some problem I have been praying about. I had been seeking the baptism about six months when I got your paper---two weeks later I received the baptism. C.A.

I wish to report that Kenneth Hagin's ministry for our Lord Jesus Christ is now taking hold at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. In our own home we have been using both your tapes and literature in our counseling and praying with people. My husband handles the tape part and I take care of the literature. Mrs. L.H.

Two years ago I wrote to you...Your Faith Course was loaned to me by a friend, for which I will always be grateful. I also appreciated so much your monthly lesson. I sent for my own copy of the course, my broken heart and crushed spirit were mended. I am happy to report that I am now writing my own ticket with God. We started attending a small country church near us with attendance of 29 present. I told my husband I wanted him to agree with me that the church would grow and that the enemy would be bound. There were 40 in prayer meeting last week. Sunday morning there were 68 in attendance. But more important than the increase in attendance is the presence and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Mrs. W.H.

I sure do enjoy your programs over the radio but don't get to hear them only on Monday and Tuesday. My faith has been built up more than it has ever been. I have been healed without having to get someone else to pray for me. V.A.

Right and Wrong Thinking



"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." Mark 11:23

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