

The Name of Jesus!

*"Then I said, "Lord, you know what's happening to me. Please step in and help me. Punish my persecutors! Please give me time; don't let me die young. It's for your sake that I am suffering. When I discovered your word, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty".
Jeremiah 15:15-16 NLT*

Life can be overwhelming with trials and uncertainties. Have you ever been there? In the Psalms, many times, David cried out to the Lord, "Save me, Lord! And punish those who are persecuting me!" Throughout the Word of God this message can be found, both Old and New Testaments. In fact, you will discover that all of the men and women of faith in their journey of faith before God made this same cry: "Save me, Lord! But punish those who are persecuting me!"

Somehow we feel it is God's obligation to bless us, in spite of our disobedience. And, in like manner, we feel it is God's obligation to punish any one that we believe responsible for our situation. "It can't be my fault! This circumstance that it overwhelming me must be caused by someone who is trying to persecute me! It's their fault, so Lord, punish them!" Did not the disciples of Jesus react in the same way? But something occurred in the hearts of the disciples after they were filled with resurrection power. Something occurred in their hearts after Pentecost. You see, when the Holy Spirit comes, everything changes! There is another mystery in this walk of faith before God. Yes, we do walk in victory. Yes, God is our Provider. Yes, God is our Defender. But now, we walk contrary to the world's system. When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, He gives us His Name.

Have you considered what it means to BEAR THE NAME OF JESUS? He bore all your sins, your burdens for you and He is asking you to step up and bear His Name with honor and dignity. We have been called to bear His likeness in all areas of life. "Lord, I want to be like You! But, Lord do I have to bear your reproach and suffering as well?" Yes, of course! Stand fast and let the Lord empower you in the name of Jesus! Lord, your name is higher than the highest mountain.

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