



SERMON NOTES & TRANSCRIPT

Praying the Trinity

Three Names of God to Call On When You Pray

"Hallowed be thy name" is the cue to honor who God is before asking Him for anything: God the Father is exalted, God the Son is empathetic, and God the Holy Spirit is empowering.

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Sermon Transcript

Hallelujah. Hey, listen, if you've got your Bibles, you don't have to turn anywhere today. I know that sounds strange. If you've been with me for the last few weeks, we've been preaching the Bible around here. Amen. We've gone hard in the pages. And they say basketball players go hard in the paint. Preachers go hard in the pages. Amen. And so we've been really walking through the scripture with you. We're getting into a series where things are gonna be a little different. And so for the next few weeks, I'm gonna be preaching the Bible, but we won't be looking at an isolated piece of text.

We're gonna be talking through quite a few things. So, we have been in a larger series on the Lord's Prayer, and we're trying to get the Lord's Prayer down in our spirit, because we are looking at it as a template to pray. So what I wanna do right now is I wanna say the Lord's Prayer together. Can we do that? Can I have the Lord's Prayer here? Everybody saying this out loud.

MATTHEW 6:9-13 ESV

⁹ Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen. Come on, give the Lord a spirit-filled praise right there. So we just ended a series called Our Father. We talked about the Our Father portion of the Lord's Prayer, and we talked about grace, the grace that is found through the finished work of Jesus Christ at Calvary. We talked about your status of righteousness in the finished work of Christ. So we just finished a series talking about you. We were talking about Jesus, but we were talking about you, how what Jesus did pertains to you and makes you the righteousness of God in Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 ESV

²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Well, in this series, we're gonna start talking about the hallowed be thy name of the Lord's Prayer. We're gonna talk about the name of the Lord. And the name of the Lord, we're gonna look at God's character which is revealed by His name. So we talked about who you are, and now we're gonna talk about who God is. Now, in the last series, I had a friend tell me, that he noticed this that I preached and preached, and then at the end, in the last 10 minutes, I gave you 10 things that you could take to the Lord in prayer. But I wanted to fill you up on the Word of God before I told you what to go do.

This series is gonna be a little different. For the next three weeks, we're gonna, throughout the messages look at these names that you can call upon when you are in prayer. So this is gonna be a lot of implementation throughout the preaching. So in this series, talking about hallowed be thy name, we're gonna look at 10 names of God. Now, I wanna let you know why we're gonna do 10, because if you are familiar with the names of God, if you've ever read a book on the names of God, you've ever heard preaching on the names of God, you'll know that there are lots of names for God in the Bible.

Most of those names are just God with a descriptor, but there's a lot of names that describe God's character. Well, I have chosen the 10 and arranged them in a certain way that will get into your memory. I want you to be able to walk away from these messages and recall the names of the Lord so you can pray. So you're not running for a book or running for a handout or running for something just so you will know the names of the Lord. And so in this message today, we're actually gonna look at three names and we're gonna do so by looking at the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Now, the reason we're gonna look at the Trinity is a few reasons. One, it's good theology. it's also good orthodoxy, but for our purposes today, like I just said, it's good for the memory. It's good for the memory. Our Catholic friends have even helped us with this. They have something called the sign of the cross. You ever seen them do this? That's Father, Son, Holy Spirit. So if you forget the Trinity, you call a Catholic and say, "What's that thing y'all do?" Amen. That's the phone call everyone likes. What's that thing y'all do? Amen. So the Trinity, that's what we're gonna look at today.

Now, I'm not gonna be teaching on the Trinity. I wanna be clear, this is not a theological, doctrinal message on the Trinity. However, we did talk about it in a Wednesday night recently. We talked about the doctrine of the Trinity, and about a year ago, I preached a message on the Trinity that was pretty thorough that you can find on YouTube. But I do wanna share something with you real quick. I'm sure you're aware that our church is going through a transition right now. Something's happening. There's a metamorphosis happening, and in January, our church will become Citylight Church.

Amen. And part of that is we're getting a new website, new coffee mugs. Someone said, "I want merch." There's gonna be some merch out there next week. Amen. Praise the Lord. And one of the things that we're doing on our new site is we are working on making sure that we can provide you resources from the preaching that are helpful to you. And one of the things that every message is gonna have is, this is something I've been working on for a long time, but every message is gonna have sermon notes, a transcript, and a list of all of the scriptures that I use when I prepare messages, not just the ones I read.

What y'all don't know is sometimes you may hear three scriptures in a sermon, and there's actually 65 in the background working, okay? And so this will have all that information. And when the new website launches sometime in November, you'll be able to go on and download these for any of the past messages. So make a little mental note, put a reminder in your phone, text your best friend, whatever it takes. Remember that you can go in the future and download this resource on the Trinity from blank.com. I can't tell y'all what it is yet, amen. But just so y'all know, jasonmayfield.com and jasonmayfieldisgoodlooking.com are both taken, amen.

Hallelujah. So are y'all ready to get started this morning? All right, let's do it. Number one, the Father. The Father, the Trinity. Father, Son, Holy Spirit. The Father. The Father is exalted. He's exalted. I'll tell you what, I've been trying to go back to my iPad and it's freaking out on me. That's why we have a printer in this church, amen. Hey, I feel like

everybody's a little sleepy. Turn to your neighbor and say, "I know it's 62 degrees outside, but your air conditioner bill's gonna be lower." Get excited in the house of the Lord. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Lord, y'all know I like loud. I wanna be loud, and I want you to be loud so I don't feel nervous about being loud, amen. Amen. Hallelujah. So number one, the Father. The Father is exalted. The Father's exalted. If you wanted to go deeper into some names of God, you've got names like El Shaddai, which is God Almighty.

GENESIS 17:1 ESV

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,

If you've ever heard that. El Shaddai. If you know the song, amen. But El Shaddai, he's God Almighty. There's another name for the Lord, El Elyon. El Elyon means God Most High.

GENESIS 14:18-20 ESV

¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

He's God Most High. God the Father, He's exalted. Leviticus chapter 11 says this.

LEVITICUS 11:44 ESV

⁴⁴ For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground.

It says, "For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy."

EXODUS 3:5 ESV

⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

In Exodus chapter 3, Moses is encountered by the Lord at the burning bush, and this is what the Lord says to him. He says, "Then he said, 'Do not come near. Take your sandals off your feet, for this place on which you're standing is holy ground.'" When God shows up, it's holy ground. Why? Because he's holy. God is holy. God is above us. I know you think Jesus is your homeboy. But God is holy. He's set apart. He's different. He's above. He ranks higher. Everything comes into submission under his authority and under his name.

God is holy. And even though we just came out of a series where we talked about your righteousness, and we talked about, the reason we talked about your righteousness is because Hebrews says that you should come boldly before the throne of grace in your time of need.

HEBREWS 4:16 ESV

¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Because of the grace of Jesus Christ, which has given you a righteous status, you have the ability to come before the throne of God. You get to come before the Father and present your request and present your need. But even though you get to go boldly before the throne of God, even though you may not have to worry about the guy at the door, and you may not have to worry about the couple people you gotta walk past to get to the throne, when you get to the throne of God, it serves you well.

I feel like preaching this morning. It serves you well to remember who you're talking to. I know that for some people, God is just this superstitious figure that we kinda project some of our thoughts and our feelings on to help us. No, God is God. And if He's God, He's gotta be God. And if He's gonna be your God, He's gotta be your God. It might help sometimes if we treated God like God. Amen. He's holy. He's above. He's the Father. He's the one who speaks from heaven and things thunder and shake, and dark clouds come about. Every time the Lord speaks from heaven, something crazy happens in the earth.

You wanna know why? 'Cause He's God. This ain't that hard. Your Bible starts with this phrase: "In the beginning, God."

GENESIS 1:1 ESV

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

He's God. He's God. He's high. So one of the things that I do, 'cause we're talking about how these things matter in prayer, one of the things that I do, I don't do it all the time. to be honest with y'all, since we got here, I haven't found my secret place yet down here, which being the pastor of this church, you want me to do that as soon as possible. I meet with the Lord, but I haven't found my spot. In other places, I've had my spot.

When I have my spot figured out, I like to go to the Lord in prayer and get down on my knees, and put my face in my chair that I meet with the Lord in. And the reason I do that is for no other reason than I wanna remember who I'm talking to. Come on. I just wanna remember who I'm talking to. So I have a tendency to kneel in prayer. Now, I want you to hear me, that there's gonna be a relational dynamic with the Lord. If you become a person who prays and seeks the face of God, there's gonna be a relational dynamic with the Lord, and there's gonna be moments when you meet with God, and you You talk to the Lord and you're not gonna come in there right.

And you're gonna act wrong, and you're gonna act like a little snotty brat, amen. 'Cause I don't know if you know this, one of the reasons it's important to remember that He's God is 'cause I don't know if y'all remember this, but we're all just a bunch of little dirt creatures. That the breath of God, the Ruach of God breathed into and brought life into us and sometimes you go get before the Lord and you act like a little dirt creature.

GENESIS 2:7 ESV

⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

And you just have to remember that this is God you're talking to. This is the Lord you're talking to. And yeah, there are relational dynamics.

There's grace for that. The Lord knows who you are. The Bible says that He created our frame.

PSALM 103:14 ESV

¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

That's what the psalmist said. So the Lord knows how you're gonna act, how you're gonna behave, but at the same time, at some point, you gotta jerk yourself back into reality and remember who you're talking to. This is the Lord. And I'm gonna acknowledge this, okay? I'm a little sensitive in this area. I don't know what it is. See, God brought me out Well, like the psalmist said, He brought me out of the pit, out of the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock. God set me in a broad place.

PSALM 40:2 ESV

² He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

PSALM 18:19 ESV

¹⁹ He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

See, the Lord rescued me out of so much that I... Has God rescued anybody out of anything in this church? You'd think I'd get an amen right there. I don't know. But the Lord brought me out of so much that I... I wanna honor the Lord. I don't mess around with the Lord because What happened in me only happened supernaturally. Come on. The fact that I'm a preacher and not an out-of-work alcoholic who's really not an alcoholic, but a drug addict. See, in my family, we just called you an alcoholic, but you're really a drug addict. But we didn't want everybody... All the snooty people in my family didn't wanna accept that they had drug addicts in the family.

Amen. And so the fact that I'm none of that, and I'm a preacher, And I got a good-looking wife. Nice kids. Big Power Ranger collection. I might be saying too much now. Amen. the Lord's brought me out, so I get sensitive about God jokes. Jocelyn, when she was younger, she's trying to figure out, life and school and being my kid, which, I wouldn't wish on anybody, but two people got it. Amen. And she's trying to figure that out. I remember she'd make God jokes to me 'cause they don't see everything I do, but they see Bibles around the house and the pens and the writing and the notes, and they see me watching stuff on TV, and they do see me when I get... If y'all think this is preaching, no, this is when I'm cooking spaghetti, something can get on me, and I'll tell you right now, God is good?

I'll have a good time. I'm not kidding. That really is how I am. It amps up a little bit up here, but this is really who I am. I am. I walk around. Y'all think I say amen and hallelujah a lot in a message. God, I walk around, I say, "Hey, thank you, Lord. Hallelujah." That's just who I am. Well, Jocelyn would make these God jokes sometimes, just good little, harmless God jokes, and she would see me wince. But I'm gonna tell you, she hit me one morning with one. I don't know, I must have come out of praying some craziness in my office 'cause I do have those moments.

She hit me with one, and we're on the way to school, and I pull into the Publix parking lot down in Florida, and I start telling her all the stuff I'm telling. "Hey, He's separate. He's holy. He's not a joke. He's serious. God is the real deal. He's..." Now, listen, I'm not a perfect dad, but I'm gonna honor the Lord. Amen. Amen. And so I just want you to know I'm sensitive in this area, and maybe I'm harping on it for that reason. But I wanna say this. I don't know what this is in people. I'm just telling you there's no condemnation.

ROMANS 8:1 ESV

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

This isn't a condemnation church, but I'm about to hit you between the eyes.

I just need you to know. Come on. I don't know what this is, but we got folks, especially down here in the South, who try to normalize God to such a degree that we go around and we talking about the man upstairs, and then you'll have people who say, "The big guy." And I'm gonna tell you right now. You wanna learn how to worship the Lord? Let me give you a quick life hack right here. This a cheat code, if you will. knock that off. Don't do that anymore. He's not the man upstairs. He's not the big guy. He's not the big fella. He's not the big cheese. He's none of those things.

He ain't the hot dog man, amen. He's none of those things. He's none of those things. He's God most high. He is God Almighty. He is the Father, the Lord of all. And if you say, "I don't know what to refer to Him as," the Lord. The Lord. And listen, you may feel that may be your flesh not wanting to come into submission to the Lord. I don't know. God rescued me out of stuff. If He wants me to serve Him, I really, whatever. I'm good. Okay? Whatever you want, Lord, I'll go do it. Now I gotta be careful 'cause I'm trying not to go to Africa, amen. So I can't say too much.

I can't keep going. That's why we building them tabernacles in Africa. I figure if you send money, you ain't gotta send yourself, amen. We'll pay for it. Hallelujah. But no, but He's the Lord. Maybe your flesh is trying to resist coming under the authority of the Lord. I don't know. Maybe you got something going on in your life I don't know about. But if you'll just start to refer to Him as the Lord, I promise you it... I don't feel like me and the Lord have some subservient, I'm a little peon. No, but I feel like the Lord's very interested in me, and He likes me a lot, and He wants me around, and He likes it when I show up, and He wants to be a part of my life.

He wants me to be a part of what He's doing, and He, I feel like the Lord's just brought me in, and so it doesn't feel weird. When I say the Lord, it doesn't make me feel like a little peon. It makes me feel warm. I just feel the Lord. I heard John Kilpatrick say that about 30 years ago. He said, "When I say the Lord, there's something comforting about it." And so you need a name for God. He's the Lord. So He's God. So when you come into prayer, He's God the Father. He is God Almighty. He's the Lord Most High. He's El Shaddai. He's El Elyon. Amen. Amen.

He's the Lord. Number two, God the Son. God the Son. The Son is empathetic. The Son is empathetic.

HEBREWS 4:15 ESV

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15 says, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” We do have a tendency to really harp on how Jesus is perfect, which is true and if that’s not in your theology, we gotta work on you a little bit. Jesus is perfect, but I need you to remember this. He is not unaware. He is not removed. He is not aloof to the human condition. He came down here.

He was amongst His people. The Bible says in John 1 that He was manifest in the flesh. He came and dwelt. This is something else John 1 says. He dwelt among us.

JOHN 1:14 ESV

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

He was around. He’s been through it. He knows. He sympathizes with your weakness. Yes, He was without sin, and yet He sympathizes with your weakness. He knows. Jesus looks at us and sees the mess we do and the nonsense we do, and He knows. He knows. He may not be cool with it, but He knows. I went to see my barber this week, and I don’t think he watches the message, but if he does, thank you. Look, nobody has told me how good I look today, and I’ll be honest with you, I’m not preaching next week because of it.

I’m gonna take a week off. No, I’m just kidding. I’ll be preaching. But I went to see my barber this week, and he asked, he goes, “How’s the church going?” I said, “It’s going good,” blah, blah, blah. Told him some of the stuff that’s going on. And then we got to talking, and it was within, like, two minutes. He’s talking to me about how he’s gonna hit all this alcohol he gonna drink, and he’s dropping F-bombs and S... And it’s funny, he doesn’t ever do it until he asked me about the church the other day, and then it’s like F this and S that, and like nothing.

And I’m just, “Oh, yeah!” And it’s for two reasons. One is ‘cause he’s cutting my hair, Pastor John. This ain’t... I’m not your pastor right now, amen. And I just, “Do a good job.” Yeah, that’s great. The other reason is ‘cause I sympathize. I sympathize. I can sit in there and I can act like I’m just somebody that I’m not. I’m just a little dirt creature who happens to, by the grace of God, got set up on a high place, and I mess up sometimes, and I don’t do good sometimes. And I, man, sometimes I wanna say the F and the S too. I know y’all don’t... Believe it or not, sometimes it’s ‘cause of y’all I wanna say it.

Amen. So I get it. So I’m not gonna sit there and act above and beyond what’s going on with him. I sympathize. Well, the Lord sympathizes. He sympathizes. Isaiah chapter 7 calls him Emmanuel.

ISAIAH 7:14 ESV

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

God with us. He's holy, but he's not disconnected. And that means that when you go to prayer, there's nothing that you've done that his blood will not cleanse.

1 JOHN 1:7 ESV

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

But also, when you go to pray, there's nothing that you will pray that is so offensive to him that he will remove his favor from you. Because of the blood of Jesus Christ, you are everything that you need to be in this moment to have the full acceptance of the Lord in his presence for your righteousness, for your redemption.

You've got everything you need from the Lord because of what happened at Calvary. Amen. And so when you walk into prayer, and you confess your righteousness, which we taught you to do in the last series... if you haven't listened to it, go back. It is worth the time. It's worth the time to listen to the Our Father series. You're gonna hear some things you may not have ever heard in a church. I believe it'll bless you. But when you go in and you begin to confess your righteousness and then all of a sudden you come in, "Hallowed be thy name," and now God is holy and you're a little dirt creature.

I just wanna give credit where credit is due. That was from R.C. Sproul, so if you're offended, you can be offended at R.C. for that. But you're a little dirt creature, and that can be jarring 'cause all of a sudden you go, "Well, I'm the righteousness of God, but but He's holy and I'm separate." And then you come back and it's God the Father, but it's God the Son who is your righteousness, and he brings you right back in and gives you a place.

1 JOHN 2:1 ESV

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

In fact, 1 John says this in 1 John chapter 2. It says, "My little children, I'm writing these things to you so you may not sin."

The ideal situation is that you get it right. The ideal situation is that you don't sin. Let me be clear about that. In a perfect situation, you don't do the stuff you're not supposed to do. However, if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father who is Jesus Christ the righteous. We have an advocate with the Father who is Jesus Christ. So you're the righteousness of God in Christ, and when you come in there and you get confronted with the holiness of the Father and your actual condition, don't get discouraged. You've got an advocate. Someone will speak up on your behalf.

When you feel like you don't belong before the throne of grace, don't worry. At some point, God the Son's gonna speak up and say, "He's here with me." Come on. Somebody give him a praise right there. He's God the Son. He's near. He's not far off. The Bible even says that He draws near to the brokenhearted.

PSALM 34:18 ESV

¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

He draws near to the brokenhearted. I think, aren't we all brokenhearted to some degree? Haven't we all got something going on? I'm gonna preach a message in several weeks. Don't miss any Sunday between here and the end of the year. If you miss a Sunday, you're gonna miss something good.

And if you do miss a Sunday, you need to watch the message or listen to the podcast. I'm telling you, I feel a stirring in my spirit on some of the things I'm gonna be sharing. I'm feeling a stirring in my spirit in general. Can I just take a pause here for a second? And just tell you that I felt such a strong sense of the presence of the Lord during worship this morning. Amen. And I wanna tell you, and I know we have a lot of guests. I see you this morning. I'm trying not to scare you, but I feel like being the scary, weird Pentecostal this morning, 'cause I'm really feeling some stuff.

In worship this morning, I sensed the presence of the Lord so strong. Last week we let you know that we wanna be praying as a church family to see our income increase, our weekly income. Our weekly income here at the church is around \$6,000. We wanna see that increase to \$20,000 a week. And you may say, "Well, why \$20,000?" First of all, 'cause it's \$20,000. Amen. That ought to be self-explanatory right there. But the second reason, and really this is the first reason, is that we can't make that happen. There's nothing we can do that produces \$20,000 a week worth of income.

If it happens, nobody's gonna be sitting back going, "Oh well, he's just a great leader." No. We're gonna be sitting back going, "That was God who did that." That's a God thing. And I think some of you need to see God do a miracle so you can have a miracle in your life. You need to see the testimony and draw on it. Now, that being said, one of the reasons we're praying for that I want you to know, there's a reason. A little while ago, during worship, I would've took off. I probably wouldn't be preaching. We'd probably be in the altar right now. There'd probably be some stuff happening in the church.

But I know this ain't gonna make sense to some of y'all, so you're gonna have to trust me, okay? That is a money problem. That is not a spirit problem. That's not an anointing problem. That's a money problem. You know why? 'Cause we don't have the money for me to walk away from the keyboard. We don't have the money for me to not be behind the keyboard. So we need to pray and believe God, 'cause I believe something's happening in our church right now. Amen. There's something happening. And I'm not trying to make life easier for me, I'm just trying to do some other things.

I'm trying to pick up the wireless microphone and take the service over so somebody can get what they need. By the way, in worship, because God is greater than our situation, God is greater than what we're going through, I actually believe someone... I'm just in the Spirit right now. I'm kinda prophesying. I believe someone in worship this morning got something that they came in here for, and I don't know who it is. I couldn't stop. I couldn't acknowledge it. But somebody, and you may not even know. Sometimes with some of this stuff, I don't know how you know.

How do you know if you got a financial breakthrough? Are y'all on Chase Bank right now? I don't think you are. Do y'all get calls on Sundays when something happens? "Sir, we got a deposit." Amen. But I don't know if it's financial, physical, something in the family, something you've been praying. Somebody got something this morning in the Spirit, and I just... And listen, it ain't for everybody. I'm not trying to be that guy. Somebody got what you needed this morning, and you're gonna go home or you already know, and you're about to find out it happened. It happened in Jesus' name.

Amen. This is a season in our church where God is doing something fantastic. There's a... ooh, I feel I could run right now. I know some of y'all are thinking, "You aren't even saying anything this morning." Well, I said a lot over the last four weeks. Amen. And now I'm just ready to sit in it. Hallelujah. I'm telling you, God's doing a great work in our church in this

season so don't miss any of these messages. I believe it's gonna help you. Number three. Father, Son, the Holy Spirit. Unless you're over the age of 70, then it's the Holy Ghost. Amen. But I have an old soul, that's why I say it so much.

The Holy Spirit, He's empowering. He's empowering. If you're born again, you've got the Holy Spirit of God living on the inside of you. If you've given your life to Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost is in you. Hallelujah. You've got the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit gives you power. He gives you power. Power. Power to overcome, power to advance, power to achieve, power to live right, talk right, do right. Power to sense, to see, and to speak. We talk about that power quite a bit in our church. A power for the Holy Spirit to speak to you, for you to get a word from God, to sense something, to see something supernaturally, and then to speak it out into the atmosphere.

I'm telling you, there's a power for that. There's a power to sit still. There's a power to show up. Amen. There's a power to stay away. Amen. And He gives you all that power. I'm talking about power.

1 JOHN 4:4 ESV

⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John chapter 4 says this, "Little children, you are from God, and you've overcome them." Somebody say, "I've overcome." "For He who is in you is greater than he who is in this world." Amen. Hallelujah. I'm gonna take the preacher that I came up under when I got saved when I was 12 years old, started going to church, and my pastor, he didn't preach a whole lot of stuff.

He stayed in a real small zone. Sometimes he'd preach the same message, 18 months in a row But we knew it, and it got in us. And one of the things that he would say all the time is he would just get up and he'd get to feeling good, and finally he'd say, "Greater is he that's in me than he that's in the world." You need that in your spirit, that the Holy Ghost inside of you. Greater is he that's in you than he that's in the world. Listen, it feels like we get stuck in whatever we're stuck in. Sometimes you wanna be thinking about principalities and rulers and the government and the shadow people who are running everything or whatever it is y'all read on that website, amen.

And you wanna thank that. And then sometimes it's your boss and the people you work with, and sometimes it's sin and you get stuck. No, it's all of it. All of it. Greater is he that's in you than he that's in the world. He's greater than whatever's going on in the government. He's greater than whatever's going on at work. He's greater than what's going on in the family. He's greater than whatever is warring inside of you. Come on. He's greater. Greater is He that's in me than he that's in the world. Amen. Come on. You've been seated by the Spirit. You've been sealed by the Spirit.

You've been sanctified by the Spirit, and you're made strong by the Holy Spirit of God.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:13 ESV

¹³ But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

Hallelujah. If you've got the Holy Spirit, you've got everything that God has. Hallelujah. And yet, you can have more. Hallelujah. You've got all of Him, and you can have more of Him. If you've got the Holy Ghost, you've got something.

Amen. He knows all things. He searches all things.

1 JOHN 2:20 ESV

²⁰ But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11 ESV

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

JOHN 14:26 ESV

²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

He teaches all things. The Holy Spirit is not some small little... It's not something that identifies churches. It's not, "This church has got the Holy Ghost, and this church doesn't have the Holy Ghost, and this..." No.

Every church has got the Holy Ghost. Come on. And let me just say this. Every church has got the exact amount of the Holy Ghost they want. Whatever you want, he'll give. You ask, you receive.

LUKE 11:13 ESV

¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Amen.

ACTS 19:1-6 ESV

¹ And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ² And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

Paul came up to this handful of believers in Ephesus, and he says, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you received?" And they just answered this. They said, "We ain't heard about the Holy Ghost. What is this?" Which by the

way, that's a response we get in our church a lot. What is this? What is this? But listen, these people were saved. They didn't even know who the Holy Ghost was.

Some of y'all think people can't go to heaven 'cause they've got bad theology. If you can't go to heaven with good theology, y'all are all going to hell, so am I. We all got bad theology. You think you got God figured out? My Lord, I told you earlier, he's holy, he's almighty, he's the Most High, he's above all. His ways are above our ways, His thoughts are above our thoughts.

ISAIAH 55:8-9 ESV

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

So there's some churches that may not believe like we believe that I believe God has touched. As long as they get the cross right, and they get the resurrection right and they get the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ right, they're going to heaven.

My God. But he asked them. He said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you received?" And they said, "No, what's the Holy Ghost?" He tells them, and they got it. It's that simple. You want it, you got it. Come on. You want the Holy Ghost? Come on. Let me say this. I had a busy week, which is when I get flippant in the pulpit, and I gotta be careful. Next year, 2027, I'm just gonna say it and put myself on notice. I probably should. Go ahead and start playing. That'd be great. I like it. I like it when you play, Jeremy. One, it's good, and two, I'm not doing it.

Amen. I like both of those things. Next year, 2027, there's gonna be some form of an outpour of the Holy Ghost in this church. Come on. Come on. We're gonna see people empowered by the Holy Spirit. I was in a denominational meeting the other day, and they were talking about the younger generation of ministers, which they were talking about me, and I really appreciated that. Amen. Amen. I'm the younger generation. Hallelujah. And they said that the younger generation, there's people are not getting the baptism of the Holy Spirit in our churches anymore. And they were tossing around all the reasons.

I was just keeping my mouth shut in a rare state. I don't know why I was. But I'll tell you what, most guys my age don't know what to do with it 'cause we haven't experienced it. For the last 20 years, everybody's been trying to just do a good nice prepackaged church, and we do a little bit of that around here. We wanna do things well. But I came out of the Revival Era. I saw God do stuff. I've seen people get thrown across the room, and knocked down, and speak in languages they don't know, and pray in tongues, and get healed right there. I've seen all kinds of stuff.

We've seen it in this church. Amen. And so in 2027, what we're gonna do is we're just gonna ask God to move in a powerful way, and we're gonna become a template for some of these churches in our fellowship that wanna see how to get God to do something in the service. We're just gonna show them how to do it. Amen. And I think there's gonna be an outpouring of the Holy Ghost next year. Amen. We're gonna see people empowered. So if you want the Holy Ghost, you're in a good church for it. Somebody say amen. Amen. I gotta stop here in a minute 'cause I'm about to get... Most of this ain't on the paper.

Praise the Lord. So if you're ever praying for something, 'cause I wanna end here, I wanna talk about prayer for a minute. If you're ever praying for something, and you take something to the Lord and you start to ask yourself, "Can I have any confidence that this is gonna come about, that this is gonna happen, that God's gonna do this?" Well, the answer is

found in the Holy Ghost. Because the Holy Ghost says, “Yes, because greater is he that’s in me than he that’s in the world.”

2 CORINTHIANS 1:20 ESV

²⁰ For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

I just told you, He searches all things, He knows all things, He teaches all things.

The Holy Ghost can bring about an answer to anything you take before the Lord immediately. You can get it in the Spirit. The Lord spoke to me years ago and said, “Before it manifests in the flesh, it must manifest in the Spirit.” Amen. The Holy Ghost can bring things about in your life. Now, you might be saying this morning, “How’d you get all of that?” ‘Cause I haven’t quoted a lot of scripture. All that stuff I just said about the Holy Ghost: Ezekiel chapter 36, verses 26 through 27. John 3:5 through 8. John 14:16 through 17. Romans 8:9 through 11. 1 Corinthians 3:16.

1 Corinthians 6:19. 2 Corinthians 1:21 and 22. Galatians 4:6. Ephesians 1:13 and 14. Ephesians 4:30. Titus 3:5 and 6. 1 John 3:24. 1 John 4:13. Micah 3:8. Zechariah 4:6 and 7. Isaiah 11:2. Luke 4:14. Luke 24:49. Acts 1:8. Acts 10:38. Romans 15:13. Romans 15:16. Romans 15:18 through 19. 1 Corinthians 2:4 through 5. Ephesians 3:16.

EZEKIEL 36:26-27 ESV

²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

JOHN 3:5-8 ESV

⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

JOHN 14:16-17 ESV

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

ROMANS 8:9-11 ESV

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16 ESV

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19 ESV

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-22 ESV

²¹ And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, ²² and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

GALATIANS 4:6 ESV

⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

EPHESIANS 1:13-14 ESV

¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

EPHESIANS 4:30 ESV

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

TITUS 3:5-6 ESV

⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

1 JOHN 3:24 ESV

²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

1 JOHN 4:13 ESV

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

MICAH 3:8 ESV

⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

ZECHARIAH 4:6-7 ESV

⁶ Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. ⁷ Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’”

ISAIAH 11:2 ESV

² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

LUKE 4:14 ESV

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.

LUKE 24:49 ESV

⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

ACTS 1:8 ESV

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

ACTS 10:38 ESV

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

ROMANS 15:13 ESV

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

ROMANS 15:16 ESV

¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:18-19 ESV

¹⁸ For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, ¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;

1 CORINTHIANS 2:4-5 ESV

⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

EPHESIANS 3:16 ESV

¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

That is not even half of the list right here of all the scriptures that I’m preaching from this morning. I’m telling you, the Bible says this stuff. If you’ve got the Holy Ghost, you have got something significant. Give the Lord a praise right there.

Okay. Let me close here, talking about prayer. Okay, so how do you pray this stuff? ‘Cause this is the thing, we want you to be able to implement this. So when you pray this... Now, we have a simple model of prayer that we’re gonna start with in 2027, the seven-minute prayer guide that we have. Thank God for one thing, ask Him for three to five things. Just ask the Lord. But then we want you to evolve into this, the Lord’s Prayer. Okay? So you come in and you begin to pray, “Our Father,” and you confess your righteousness. “I’m the righteousness of God in Christ.

He has made me new. He’s made me clean. I’m sealed by the Holy Spirit. I’m a new creation.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 ESV

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

You can begin to confess your righteousness so that you know. And then you say, “Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.” And now we start to talk to God about who He is. First of all, He’s God the Father, He’s holy. He’s God the Son, He’s empathetic. He’s God the Holy Spirit, He’s empowering. And so you just begin to pray like this. Now, this is weird, ‘cause I don’t normally pray like this in front of people, but I will tell you, I pray in front of people, but I’m trying to pray the way I would pray.

I wanna demonstrate it for you. I want you to see it. I wanna tell you, it’s gonna be uncomfortable now, but it’s gonna be real uncomfortable in four weeks. In four weeks, I’m setting the stage up like my secret place, and I’m gonna demonstrate for you what it’s like to spend time with the Lord every morning. So if you’ve ever thought, “I don’t know what it looks like” See, I grew up around people who talked about prayer, but I never saw them pray. They talked about reading the Bible. I never saw them doing it, so I didn’t know how anybody did this. And so I’m gonna try to take you in.

The Bible says that Jesus went a stone’s throw away and He prayed.

LUKE 22:41 ESV

⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed,

I always liked that, a stone’s throw away. I’m not gonna bring you to my house. You’re not gonna come and do this with me at 5:00 in the morning. We’re not gonna do that, okay? ‘Cause most of the prayer will be like, “Could you get this lady out of my room right now, Lord? I don’t know what she’s doing in here.” It’s weird, it’s uncomfortable. But we’re gonna do this a stone’s throw away. So you pray. You say, “Lord Jesus, I thank you this morning. Our Father, I thank you, Lord, that I’m the righteousness of God in Christ.

Lord, I thank you that you’ve assured my salvation, that I have an advocate in Jesus Christ the righteous, that I am not what I do, but everything that I do today will be inferior, whether good or bad, to the finished work of Jesus Christ, and that the blood of Christ at the cross speaks a better word than the blood of Abel, and it speaks a better word than anything I’m gonna do today, good, bad, or indifferent.

HEBREWS 12:24 ESV

²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Thank you for that one. Now, I'm just in it now. This isn't planned. I'm just feeling this. And so you begin to pray that way. Father, I thank you that I am the righteousness of God in Christ.

Lord, I thank you that you've perfected me, that I am perfect in some degree because you've perfected those who are being sanctified.

HEBREWS 10:14 ESV

¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

And God, while I'm in process, I thank you that I have full status before you. I thank you that I am somebody in the finished work of Christ. I thank you that when I come boldly before the throne of grace, I am somebody today. I'm more than the sum of my parts right now. I'm more than what I've been through, what I'm going through and what I will go through. I'm more than what I've done, doing, or will do. I am the righteousness of God in Christ.

That full credit has been extended to me. I have no fear because there's no fear in love, because perfect love casts out fear.

1 JOHN 4:18 ESV

¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

And Father, I thank you that in this is love, not that I have loved you but that you have loved me by giving your Son as propitiation for my sin.

1 JOHN 4:10 ESV

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

God, I thank you that you're satisfied when you look at me. Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Lord, I honor you today. Anything that I say in prayer today, Father, I just... Lord, I mean respect with everything I'm gonna say today. I don't mean anything ill, I don't mean anything poorly, I don't mean anything... I'm not trying to come off any kinda way, God.

I know who you are and you know who I am, and my situation might have me a little under stress. That might come out while we talk, but Lord, I want you to know that I honor and I respect you. You are God most high. You are God almighty. You are above all things. You are before all things. You are above all things. You're beyond all things. God, I honor you today. You are God the Father. You are holy. You are set apart. And I recognize the disparity between you and me today. And Lord, I thank you that because I'm lowly, you draw near to the lowly and the contrite and the brokenhearted.

ISAIAH 57:15 ESV

¹⁵ For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Thank you, Lord. But I also thank you that not only are you holy, you are also empathetic towards me. You are God the Son. You made a way for me. You've experienced what I've experienced, and at the cross of Calvary, you've taken on everything that I have ever done, everything that I've ever felt, everything that I've... You're not a far-off God. You are a God who is aware of my condition, of what I go through. Thank you for the cross, not only that it saves me, but that it makes me the righteousness of God in Christ, but that it also makes me known by you, and you're God the Holy Spirit.

Father, I thank you for the spirit that lives inside of me that's greater in me than anything that's in the world. Father, I thank you that there's nothing that I can't do today by the power of the Holy Ghost. And any time that I miss it today, I just confess right now that it's because I didn't tap into the supernatural power of God living on the inside of me. Father, I thank you for everything that we're advancing in and taking territory in every area where I'm seeing advancement in my life. I believe it's the power of God living on the inside of me. And Father, I ask that you would propel everything that's going on around me right now.

Everything that I ask for today I believe is possible by the power of the Holy Ghost. Then you continue. That's how you pray this stuff. You ever wondered how people pray a long time? I'm just demonstrating. Y'all felt it come in, right? Lauren didn't. She said, "You're gonna have to do more for me." Amen. She's spiritual. She prays five hours a day. I'm just kidding. She doesn't. She prays seven. Amen. No, I'm serious. That's just... it just comes. That's the power of prayer. Listen, maybe this is for you, and then I've gotta wrap up. I gotta be done. The Lord spoke to me years ago, and he said this.

I was in prayer, and the Lord gave this to me right there in prayer. I'm face down in the chair, and he just said "You know, when you..." 'Cause I'm a Bible reader by nature. I'm not a prayer person. Bible, I don't struggle with. Prayer, if I don't feel good, if I wake up with a mild irritation, I'm like, "I just don't know if I'm gonna pray today," you know? And some days you do have that. You just go, "Well, Lord, touch it in Jesus' name. Amen," you know, and I prayed. But I was in prayer. I had my face down in the chair, and the Lord spoke to me. He said, "You know, when you sow the seed of Bible reading, you'll reap a harvest of revelation."

Amen. So when you get into the Word, revelation comes out of it. That's what comes from that. You get into the... We just talked about that last week, talking about the new name of the church, talked about how that's really a big thing for us, is how revelation power flows out of being in the Scripture and helps you to flourish in life. So that's a word. You get a word when you're in the Scripture. Then he said, "If you sow a seed of worship, you'll reap a harvest of success, because if you'll make much of God, I'll make much of you." So if you sow a seed of worship, you're gonna reap a harvest of success.

That's what you're gonna reap, but then also exposure. The word he actually gave me was exposure, but at the time I was trying to get booked, 'cause I was an evangelist. And the Lord said, "Well, I'll give you a harvest of exposure." So a harvest of success, but then he told me, he said, "But if you'll sow a seed of prayer, you will reap a harvest of power." We started this year with a series on the power of the Holy Ghost. Does anybody remember that? Feels like it was 28 years

ago, doesn't it? We were just talking about this before service, me and Sherry, about how God has done so much in our church in such a short time this year.

Amen. But God is on the move. And we talked about this at the beginning of the year. You can go back and check this message out, how there is a release of power in your life through prayer, and you only get it through prayer. And I'm telling you, there is something that happens in the secret place. I can't explain it. It doesn't come through Bible reading, which you don't get me to discredit very often, 'cause I'm big on the Bible reading piece. It doesn't come through worship. Most of the church, if I was to diagnose the church of the Lord Jesus Christ in America, the problem with most of the church is they think they get something out of worship they don't get.

'Cause we come in and the doodads get on us, and we think, "Okay, well, this is it. We're gonna, I'm gonna receive everything I need right here." And even though this morning I believe God did something in worship, that's the grace of God. That is not, that's not the place that you get. That's the place you give. Worship isn't about us. Yeah. We sing some songs that you like, but if we come in here and sing Mary Had a Little Lamb for three hours, we just need to worship the Lord. Amen. It'd be weird, but we should do it. Amen. So we think we receive in worship.

We'll turn a little worship song on. We think that... No, it comes in prayer, opening your mouth in the presence of the Lord, making your request known, talking to God.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6 ESV

⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And I'm telling you, a lot of the power isn't the answer. And I can't explain this. I would just encourage you, go try it out on your own. But the power isn't the answer. The answer's great. God answers prayer. I want the answer. If I didn't want it, wouldn't have brought this stuff up in the first place. Amen? So I want the answer, but there's a power that comes on you in prayer. It's hard to explain, but you come out of prayer differently than you went in and it's one of the only things that seems to operate at a one-to-one ratio.

I encourage people to sow seed and believe God for financial miracle, but there's no one-to-one. It's not like you can sow a \$1,000 seed and get a \$10,000 miracle. There's no math to that. But with prayer, time in the secret place, there is almost a one-to-one ratio. The more time you put in prayer, the more you get out of the more power you walk in. And I'm gonna tell you, I started to see pastors, and I can't explain this. Guys who I kind of would like, they had bad theology. They didn't know the scripture very well. They'd be quoting stuff out of context, and that would bother me 'cause I'm a Bible guy.

I like the Word. That's my thing. But then they'd have miracles follow. I'm talking miracles. Listen, you may think, "What's a miracle?" Well, when you got a church of about 200, and you bring in a few million dollars a year, folks, that's a miracle. And some people would sit back, "Well, that preacher's doing something shady." What? What produces that kind of result? How do you get... That's what we were talking about earlier, and I said, we're praying for this financial miracle because there's no way to get \$20,000 a week out of 120 people. If I got all of y'all to drink the Kool-Aid, \$20,000 a week ain't in this room to give when candy costs \$28 a bag, amen?

It just ain't in the room. God has to do that. God has to do it. So you wanna see power, and it comes in prayer. So I started to see these guys who would pray, and miracle stuff would follow. Miracle stuff. That's why we're gonna be a

praying church, 'cause I want some of that miracle stuff. Amen. I wanna see God do something here he ain't doing nowhere else. I'm gonna tell you, I appreciate churches that get out in 90 minutes. I wanna be one of them, but I don't wanna get out in our 90 minutes the way other people get out in 90 minutes. I don't wanna get out in 90 minutes and go to the buffet.

I wanna get out in 90 minutes and go, "Did you see that lady walk for the first time?" I wanna see a miracle. I wanna see a miracle. I wanna see a hurricane coming towards our area, and rather than thinking "Lord, I don't know what we're gonna do," I wanna be able to call Pastor John and him say, "What are we gonna do as a response to this?" Well, as long as the drivers are okay and they're not too busy, we got three semi-trucks sitting behind the church full of supplies, ready to go. Well, how big are we gotta be to do that? We could shrink. We can go down to 10 people.

If God is in it, anything is possible.

MATTHEW 19:26 ESV

²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Amen. I wanna see God do a great work. Hallelujah. I just feel like taking a moment. All across the room, can we just lift our hands to heaven for a minute? I'm sorry I'm a little casual today. I ought to be more professional for y'all. I just feel the Holy Ghost in the room. Thank you, Lord. We worship you today, Jesus. Father, we're coming to the secret place. Lord, we would just give you fair warning, look out. Look out, people in this church are running to the secret place. Lord, your calendar is about to fill up with meetings every day.

Our people are running for you. We're chasing after you. We're hungry for your presence. Father, I speak against everything that has kept people out of prayer in this church, whether it be the discomfort or the condemnation or the content. Father, I'll give them the content. Lord, I'm asking you to keep revealing your grace to them so that there won't be a condemnation that keeps them out. And Lord, just make them comfortable. Just give them a comfort when they step into the presence of the Lord. Thank you, God. Thank you, God. We worship you today. Hallelujah.

I'm not trying to be this guy. I've been trying to hold it back all day. We're a spirit-filled church. It's just on me. I'm gonna pray in the Spirit. And if you think it's weird, I'm sorry. We do weird stuff around here. There ain't gonna be no interpretation either. I just gotta get it out. I'm like a shook up Coke. If you pop my top, I'm gonna fizz. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Hallelujah. Send your power. Touch this church with a power we don't even know what to do with. Thank you, God. Thank you, God.

Preaching Notes

Before You Preach

This message opens a three-week series on the “hallowed be thy name” line of the Lord’s Prayer. Across the series the congregation receives ten names of God, chosen and arranged to be remembered and prayed without a book or a handout. This week covers three of them through the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

It is not a doctrine message on the Trinity, so say that up front. The Trinity is used here because it is good theology, good orthodoxy and, for this purpose, good for the memory. If your congregation needs the doctrine itself, teach it in its own message.

The series follows Our Father, which taught believers to confess their righteousness in Christ at the start of prayer. This message turns from who you are to who God is. The last movement is a live demonstration of prayer. Pray it out loud, in your own words, and let it be a little uncomfortable.

Introduction

Open by praying the Lord’s Prayer together. The congregation prays the traditional wording.

MATTHEW 6:9-13 ESV

⁹ Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The last series, Our Father, was about grace: your status of righteousness in the finished work of Jesus Christ at Calvary. We talked about Jesus, but we were talking about you, how what Jesus did makes you the righteousness of God in Christ.

This series turns to “hallowed be thy name”: the name of the Lord, and God’s character revealed by His name. We talked about who you are. Now we talk about who God is.

The last series filled you up on the Word before giving you something to take into prayer at the end. This one is different. There will be implementation throughout: in each message you will receive names of God you can call on when you pray.

There are many names for God in Scripture. Most are “God” with a descriptor, and many describe His character. Over the next three weeks we will look at ten, chosen and arranged in a way that gets into your memory, so you can walk away and recall the names of the Lord when you pray, without running for a book or a handout.

TODAY: THREE NAMES

Today we look at three names by looking at the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is good theology and good orthodoxy, but for our purposes today, it is good for the memory.

Illustration: the sign of the cross. Our Catholic friends have helped us with this. The sign of the cross is Father, Son, Holy Spirit. If you ever forget the Trinity, call a Catholic friend and ask, “What’s that thing y’all do?”

This is not a theological, doctrinal message on the Trinity. Today we pray the Trinity.

1. God the Father Is Exalted

If you want to go deeper into the names of God, two names belong here:

- **El Shaddai**, God Almighty: “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless” (Genesis 17:1).
- **El Elyon**, God Most High: “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth” (Genesis 14:19).

God is holy. God is above us.

LEVITICUS 11:44 ESV

⁴⁴ For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground.

EXODUS 3:5 ESV

⁵ Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”

When God shows up, it is holy ground. Why? Because He is holy. He is set apart. He is different. He ranks higher. Everything comes into submission under His authority and under His name. You may think Jesus is your homeboy, but God is holy.

REMEMBER WHO YOU’RE TALKING TO

The last series was about your righteousness, because Hebrews tells us to come boldly before the throne of grace: “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16). Because of the grace of Jesus Christ, you have a righteous status. You get to come before the Father and present your request and your need.

But even when you come boldly before the throne by way of the finished work of Christ, it serves you well to remember who you’re talking to. For some people, God is a superstitious figure we project our thoughts and feelings onto. No. God is God. If He’s God, He’s got to be God, and if He’s going to be your God, He’s got to be your

God. It might help sometimes if we treated God like God. Your Bible starts with this phrase: “In the beginning, God” (Genesis 1:1).

Illustration: kneeling in prayer. When I have my secret place figured out, I get down on my knees and put my face in the chair I meet with the Lord in. I do it for no other reason than to remember who I’m talking to.

There is a relational dynamic with the Lord. If you become a person who prays and seeks the face of God, there will be mornings you come in wrong and act like a snotty brat. We are all dirt creatures that the breath of God brought to life (Genesis 2:7), and there is grace for that: “he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust” (Psalm 103:14). But at some point you have to jerk yourself back into reality and remember: this is the Lord.

WHY I’M SENSITIVE ABOUT THIS

Illustration: out of the pit. God rescued me. Like the psalmist, He “drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock” (Psalm 40:2). “He brought me out into a broad place” (Psalm 18:19). The fact that I’m a preacher and not an out-of-work addict only happened supernaturally. In my family we called it alcoholism, because nobody wanted to admit there were drug addicts in the family. So I don’t mess around with the Lord. (This is personal testimony. Another preacher should use his own.)

Illustration: God jokes. When my daughter was younger, she would make little, harmless God jokes, and she would see me wince. One morning on the way to school she hit me with one, and I pulled into the Publix parking lot and told her: He’s separate. He’s holy. He’s not a joke. He’s serious. God is the real deal. I’m not a perfect dad, but I’m going to honor the Lord.

KNOCK THAT OFF

This is not a condemnation church: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1). But let this hit you between the eyes. Especially in the South, we try to normalize God to the point that we call Him “the man upstairs” or “the big guy.” Here is a life hack for learning to worship, a cheat code: knock that off. He’s not the man upstairs. He’s not the big guy, the big fella or the big cheese. He is God Most High. He is God Almighty. He is the Father, the Lord of all. If you don’t know what to call Him, call Him the Lord.

Maybe your flesh is resisting coming under the authority of the Lord. But calling Him Lord does not make me feel like a little peon. The Lord is very interested in me. He likes me, He wants me around, and He likes it when I show up. When I say “the Lord,” it makes me feel warm. I heard John Kilpatrick say about 30 years ago that when he says “the Lord,” there’s something comforting about it.

So when you come into prayer: He is God the Father. He is God Almighty. He is the Lord Most High. He is El Shaddai. He is El Elyon. He is the Lord.

2. God the Son Is Empathetic

HEBREWS 4:15 ESV

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

We rightly emphasize that Jesus is perfect. He is. But remember this: He is not unaware, He is not removed, and He is not aloof to the human condition. He came down here and was among His people. “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). He has been through it. He was without sin, and yet He sympathizes with your weakness. Jesus sees the mess and the nonsense we make. He may not be cool with it, but He knows.

Illustration: the barber. My barber asked me how the church was going, and within two minutes he was telling me about all the alcohol he planned to drink and dropping F-bombs. I let it go, partly because he was cutting my hair, but mostly because I sympathize. I’m a little dirt creature who, by the grace of God, got set up on a high place. I mess up sometimes too. I’m not going to act above what’s going on with him. Well, the Lord sympathizes.

Isaiah calls Him Immanuel, God with us (Isaiah 7:14). He’s holy, but He’s not disconnected. That means:

- When you go to prayer, there’s nothing you have done that His blood will not cleanse: “the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).
- There’s nothing you will pray that is so offensive to Him that He will remove His favor from you.

Because of the blood of Jesus Christ, you are everything you need to be in this moment to have the full acceptance of the Lord in His presence, for your righteousness and for your redemption.

AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER

When you walk into prayer confessing your righteousness, and then you come to “hallowed be thy name” and are confronted by the holiness of God the Father, that is jarring. All of a sudden God is holy and you’re a little dirt creature. (I credit “dirt creature” to R.C. Sproul.) You think, “I’m the righteousness of God, but He’s holy and I’m separate.”

But we are immediately reminded that it is by God the Son that our righteousness is bought, supplied and guaranteed. He brings you right back in and gives you a place.

1 JOHN 2:1 ESV

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

The ideal is that you get it right and don’t sin. But if you do, and the holiness of the Father confronts your actual condition, don’t get discouraged. You have an advocate. Someone will speak up on your behalf. When you feel like you don’t belong before the throne of grace, God the Son speaks up and says, “He’s here with me.”

[Praise break]

God the Son is near; He's not far off. "The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). And aren't we all brokenhearted to some degree?

3. God the Holy Spirit Is Empowering

If you're born again, you've got the Holy Spirit of God living on the inside of you. If you've given your life to Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost is in you. And the Holy Spirit gives you power:

- Power to overcome, advance and achieve.
- Power to live right, talk right, do right.
- Power to sense, see and speak: to get a word from God, to sense or see something supernaturally, and to speak it out.
- Power to sit still, show up and stay away.

I'm talking about power!

1 JOHN 4:4 ESV

⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Illustration: the pastor who said it every week. The pastor I came up under after I got saved at 12 stayed in a small zone. Sometimes he preached the same message for 18 months. But when he got to feeling good, he would say, "Greater is he that's in me than he that's in the world," and it got in us.

You need that in your spirit. We get stuck: on principalities and the government, on a boss and coworkers, on sin. The One who is in you is greater than whatever is going on in the government, at work, in your family, or warring inside of you.

You've been sealed by the Spirit (Ephesians 1:13), sanctified by the Spirit (2 Thessalonians 2:13) and made strong by the Spirit of God (Ephesians 3:16). If you've got the Holy Spirit, you've got all of Him, and yet you can have more of Him. He knows all things, searches all things and teaches all things (1 John 2:20; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; John 14:26).

The Holy Spirit is not a badge that identifies certain churches. Every church has the Holy Ghost, and every church has the exact amount of the Holy Ghost it wants. You ask, you receive: "how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him" (Luke 11:13).

Illustration: the believers in Ephesus. Paul asked a handful of believers in Ephesus, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit" (Acts 19:2). These people were saved, and they didn't even know who the Holy Spirit was. Nobody goes to heaven on perfect theology; His ways and thoughts are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9). Get the cross, the resurrection and the deity

of the Lord Jesus Christ right. Paul told them, and they received (Acts 19:6). It's that simple. You want it, you've got it.

THE HOLY GHOST SAYS YES

If you're praying for something and you wonder, "Can I be confident that God will do something about this?", the Holy Ghost says yes, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world, and "all the promises of God find their Yes in him" (2 Corinthians 1:20). The Holy Ghost can bring about an answer to anything you take before the Lord. The Lord spoke to me years ago: before it manifests in the flesh, it must manifest in the Spirit.

You may say, "Where do you get all that?" Read the list:

Ezekiel 36:26-27, John 3:5-8, John 14:16-17, Romans 8:9-11, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Galatians 4:6, Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 4:30, Titus 3:5-6, 1 John 3:24, 1 John 4:13, Micah 3:8, Zechariah 4:6-7, Isaiah 11:2, Luke 4:14, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8, Acts 10:38, Romans 15:13, Romans 15:16, Romans 15:18-19, 1 Corinthians 2:4-5, Ephesians 3:16.

That is not even half the list. The Bible says this. If you've got the Holy Ghost, you've got something significant.

OPTIONAL: THE REST OF THE LIST

These references are in the original notes but were not read on October 18, 2026.

Ephesians 3:20, 1 Thessalonians 1:5, 2 Timothy 1:7, Romans 8:37, 1 John 5:4, Acts 4:31, Acts 9:31, Acts 13:2-4, Romans 8:2-4, Romans 8:13-14, Galatians 5:16-17, Galatians 5:22-25, Ephesians 4:29, Ephesians 5:18-20, Philippians 2:13, Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:4, Acts 2:17-18, Acts 4:8, Acts 4:13, Acts 16:6-7, Matthew 10:19-20, Luke 12:11-12, John 16:13, 1 Corinthians 2:9-14, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, Ephesians 1:17-18, 1 Corinthians 6:11, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, 1 Peter 1:2, Romans 8:26-27, Isaiah 40:29-31, John 7:37-39, 2 Corinthians 3:18, 1 John 2:27, Romans 8:15-16, Ephesians 6:18, Jude 20, 1 John 5:14-15, Hebrews 4:16.

How to Pray the Names of God

Start with a simple model: thank God for one thing, then ask Him for three to five things. Then grow into praying through the Lord's Prayer:

- At "Our Father," confess your righteousness: I'm the righteousness of God in Christ. He has made me new. He has made me clean. I'm sealed by the Holy Spirit. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- At "hallowed be thy name," start talking to God about who He is: God the Father, He's holy. God the Son, He's empathetic. God the Holy Spirit, He's empowering.

Then demonstrate it. Many people grew up around people who talked about prayer but never saw anyone pray. Jesus "withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed" (Luke 22:41). Let the congregation hear it from a stone's throw away. This is how I prayed it:

Our Father, I thank You that I'm the righteousness of God in Christ. Thank You that You've assured my salvation, that I have an advocate in Jesus Christ the righteous, and that the blood of Christ at the cross speaks a better word than the blood of Abel, and a better word than anything I'm going to do today, good, bad or indifferent.

I thank You that You've perfected those who are being sanctified, and that while I'm in process I have full status before You. I have no fear, because perfect love casts out fear. In this is love: not that I have loved You, but that You have loved me and gave Your Son as the propitiation for my sin. Thank You that You're satisfied when You look at me.

Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Lord, I honor You today. My situation might have me under stress, and that might come out while we talk, but I want You to know that I honor and respect You. You are God Most High. You are God Almighty. You are above all things and before all things. You are God the Father. You are holy. You are set apart. I recognize the disparity between You and me, and I thank You that You draw near to the lowly and the contrite and the brokenhearted.

You are God the Son. Not only are You holy, You are empathetic toward me. You made a way for me. You're not a far-off God; You're aware of my condition. Thank You for the cross, that it saves me, that it makes me the righteousness of God in Christ, and that it makes me known by You.

And You are God the Holy Spirit. Thank You that the Spirit in me is greater than anything in the world. There's nothing I can't do today by the power of the Holy Ghost. Everything I ask for today, I believe is possible by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Then continue on through the prayer. The demonstration draws on Hebrews 12:24, Hebrews 10:14, 1 John 4:18, 1 John 4:10 and Isaiah 57:15.

Conclusion

A seed and a harvest. Years ago, face down in my prayer chair, the Lord spoke to me:

- If you sow a seed of Bible reading, you'll reap a harvest of revelation.
- If you sow a seed of worship, you'll reap a harvest of success (the word He first gave me was exposure), because if you make much of God, He'll make much of you.
- If you sow a seed of prayer, you'll reap a harvest of power.

There is something that happens in the secret place that doesn't come through Bible reading and doesn't come through worship. Worship is the place you give, not the place you get. Power comes in prayer: opening your mouth in the presence of the Lord, talking to God, letting "your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). God answers prayer, and the answer is great, but a power comes on you in prayer whatever the answer. You come out differently than you went in. Prayer is one of the only things that seems to work at almost a one-to-one ratio: the more time you put in, the more power you walk in.

Illustration: miracles follow prayer. I started noticing pastors whose theology bothered me, who quoted Scripture out of context, and still had miracles follow them. What they had in common was prayer. That's why we're going to be a praying church. "With God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

Close by having the room lift their hands. Pray against everything that has kept people out of prayer: the discomfort, the condemnation, or not knowing what to say. Ask the Lord to keep revealing His grace so condemnation doesn't keep anyone out, and to give them comfort when they step into His presence.

As you walk through the Lord's Prayer, when you come to "hallowed be thy name," that's your cue to start bringing these names out.

Scripture List

Every passage read, cited or alluded to in the message, in the order it comes up.

Read

Read aloud in the message.

LEVITICUS 11:44	⁴⁴ For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground.
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PSALM 103:14	¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.
PSALM 40:2	² He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
PSALM 18:19	¹⁹ He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.
JOHN 1:14	¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
ISAIAH 7:14	¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
PSALM 34:18	¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
ACTS 19:1-6	¹ And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ² And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.
ISAIAH 55:8-9	⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
EZEKIEL 36:26-27	²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

JOHN 3:5-8	⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”
JOHN 14:16-17	¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.
ROMANS 8:9-11	⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.
1 CORINTHIANS 3:16	¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?
1 CORINTHIANS 6:19	¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,
2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-22	²¹ And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, ²² and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
GALATIANS 4:6	⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”
EPHESIANS 1:13-14	¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
EPHESIANS 4:30	³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

TITUS 3:5-6	⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
1 JOHN 3:24	²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.
1 JOHN 4:13	¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
MICAH 3:8	⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.
ZECHARIAH 4:6-7	⁶ Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. ⁷ Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"
ISAIAH 11:2	² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
LUKE 4:14	¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.
LUKE 24:49	⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."
ACTS 1:8	⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
ACTS 10:38	³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
ROMANS 15:13	¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

ROMANS 15:16	¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
ROMANS 15:18-19	¹⁸ For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, ¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;
1 CORINTHIANS 2:4-5	⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.
EPHESIANS 3:16	¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,
LUKE 22:41	⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed,
HEBREWS 12:24	²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
HEBREWS 10:14	¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.
1 JOHN 4:18	¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.
1 JOHN 4:10	¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Alluded to

Drawn on without naming the reference.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21	²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
GENESIS 17:1	¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,

GENESIS 14:18-20	¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.
GENESIS 2:7	⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.
ROMANS 8:1	¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
1 JOHN 1:7	⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
2 THESSALONIANS 2:13	¹³ But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.
1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11	¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.
JOHN 14:26	²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
1 JOHN 2:20	²⁰ But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.
LUKE 11:13	¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”
2 CORINTHIANS 1:20	²⁰ For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17	¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

ISAIAH 57:15

¹⁵ For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

MATTHEW 19:26

²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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