

Immersed in the Blessing pt9 – God Is Making a Name for You

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[Gen 11:4-6 NASB95] 4 They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top [will reach] into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." 5 The LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. 6 The LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.

[Gen 12:1-3 NASB95] 1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; 2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; 3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

- Our culture is very much into celebrities. We love celebrity preachers and such. People make a name for themselves.
- God wants to make a name for you. What does that mean? God making a name for you means that you will have a purpose and God will help you fulfill that purpose.
- He has no problem with you having a name. He just wants to be the one who makes that name for you.

What does it mean that God is making a name for you?

Here are five specific revelations about God making a name for you.

- I. **God making a name for you speaks to a God-given purpose.**
 - a. God wanted Abram(ham) to know He had a purpose for him.
 - b. You were made for more.
 - c. [Jer 29:11 NASB95] 11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.
 - d. Difference Makers – Not everyone is going to be world famous with your face carved on a mountain or a start on sidewalk. Make no mistake. God has great plans for you!
 - e. From powerful businesspeople to humble missionaries. From nameless assistants to faithful stay-at-home moms. The plan of God on your life is significant.
- II. **God making a name for you means nothing is impossible for you.**
 - a. At this point Abraham was to leave everything. Yet, just as God stopped the builders Babel from accomplishing anything; He was going to empower him to accomplish anything.
 - b. [Mat 17:20 NASB95] 20 And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.
- III. **God making a name for you comes from you knowing Him – His Name.**
 - a. Abraham would progressively get to know God.
 - b. [Gen 17:1-2 NASB95] 1 Now 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. 2 "I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly."

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- c. [Dan 11:32 NASB95] 32 "By smooth [words] he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.
- d. What does it mean to know Him?
 - i. His perspective.
 - ii. His principles.
 - iii. His power.
- e. How does one get to know God?
 - i. Start with becoming familiar with His names. The seven redemptive names.
 - ii. Spend time praying and worshipping.
 - iii. Study His Word.

IV. God making a name for you declares you are significant.

- a. Abraham started small and insignificant, but he was going to bless the families of the world.
- b. [2Co 4:7-10 NASB95] 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; 8 [we are] afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.
- c. Stop looking at the size you are now or where you came from or how bad that battle has been except to testify of greatness of God. The purpose God has for you is significant.

V. God making a name for you requires to fight for what He has for you.

- a. Abraham had to fight many adversaries. He confronted the aging of his body. He confronted famines. He confronted powerful kings who warred with him.
- b. Through the Cross, He has done the 'heavy lifting'. However, the victory will have your fingerprints on them.
- c. [Col 4:17 NASB95] 17 Say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."
- d. [1Ti 6:12 NASB95] 12 Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

- **God making a name for you defines the purpose He has for you that will require you to believe Him, get to know Him and fight the good fight of faith for the name He has for you.**