

Praying in His Name

I was talking to Shalem today about praying and she was saying that she can hardly pray because she is bombarded. So we shared with her that we do not pray in *our* faith, but we pray in *His* faith.

What does it mean to use His name to pray to our Father in heaven? He is not just “our God” — He is our Father. We have been reconciled to the Father. Certainly He is God, but our Master reconciled us to the *Father*. Our Master taught us how to pray to our Father. Jn 16:23-27 says that we are not to ask Him anything, but when we pray we are to ask His Father, using His name. We see that He is speaking about our personal relationship with the Father, not just our God. We can say, “our God,” but if we always say, “our God,” it means we are not reconciled to the Father. The work of our Master reconciled us to the Father so we pray to our Father in His name in order to do His will.

So what does His name mean? We saw the other day, in Eph 3:12, exactly what His name means to us. We learned that in the Greek it actually says that we pray “in His faith” — through the faith of Him, in whom we have boldness and confidence. Because of His faith, we have this confidence, free access, freedom of speech, unreserved freedom without fear. To be in His name is to be in Him and to be in Him is to be in His faith and have His same faith to approach His Father, since His Father is our Father because of Him and His faith. So His Father becomes our Father because of Him and His faith. The Greek reads, “*n whom we have boldness and access with confidence through His faith.*” Other translations say, “*through faith in Him.*” Of course we have faith in Him, but sometimes our faith is weak or we are insecure, but He always has faith, and we go to the Father in His faith, in whom we have boldness or access.

Sometimes Satan's messengers are very intimidating because we are in weakness; he makes us feel intimidated or insecure. Shalem said she has a big cloud over her sometimes or hears this voice that says she cannot pray because he won't hear me. But she knows she loves her brothers; she knows she lays her life down for them; she does not have anything in her heart against them; she knows she has not sinned. But Satan's darts are really powerful sometimes. You have to put your helmet of salvation on. We do not have to be insecure anymore because Eph 3:12 sets us free, because Jn 8:31 says that if we continue in His word we will know the truth and the truth will set us free. For 20 years I have been continuing in the truth and the truth is setting me free, even in this situation here, knowing that I can never be unwelcome at the throne. I can never be unwelcome because He is my Father. And if we continue in the truth, the truth will set us free and whoever the Son sets free is free indeed.

So it is through faith in Him — we are in Him and in His faith. We are in Him, so we have the reality of Him and His faith. He came in our Father's name to reconcile us back to the Father.

Hannah: I saw that a child is not afraid to be real with his abba and it says you have to be like a little child to go to our Father. Children go to their abba boldly, whether it's with a bad attitude or whatever, they go anyway. And Yahshua went to His Father when He was on the earth. And He is not ashamed to call us brothers because we have the same Father. So we can go to our Father in the same faith that He went to His Father when He was on the earth. Pr 28:1 says that the righteous are as bold as lions. We have to be bold when we come before our Father. We don't have to worry about our own insecurities because it doesn't matter because we are going to Him in our Master.