

THE LOST AND US - 2

WHO IN MANTECA Will Go in the Father's Name?

John 5:43

INTRODUCTION:

- I. Who will go in the Father's name? John 5:43-** *"I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him."*
- II.** The Gospel of John records several controversies Jesus was involved in.
 - A. The reason Jesus was in so many controversies was **because He came in the Father's name.**
 - B. When someone would come in their own name, people would listen to them because they were on a PAR with them, and felt they had a right to dispense with their words.
 1. They would honor them, but only so far as they agreed with them.
 2. They would speak well of them, simply from a plutonic or worldly ability status.
 3. They would follow them, and long as it sounded good and was profitable!
- III.** Jesus came in the Father's name, and they did not like that, because He was saying the Father wanted things they were not willing to dedicate themselves to!
 - A. They would not honor Him, because He spoke with authority. **Matt.7:28.**
 - B. They would not speak well of Him, because He was calling for CHANGE in their status & activity.
 - C. They would not follow Him, because of the allegiance and consistency and commitment involved!
- IV.** The Father needs people today who will go in His name.
 - A. I want us to examine **what it means to go** in the Father's name.
 - B. I want us to know **what is involved in going** in the Father's name.
 - C. I want us to see **if we are willing to go** in the Father's name.
 1. A name meant something to the Jewish people.
 - a) Adam (Mankind).
 - b) Abraham (Father of a multitude)
 - c) Jesus (Jehovah saves)
 2. Even just a few years ago, the family name MEANT SOMETHING! You wouldn't do anything to bring shame to the family name! But today a name means little more than identification.

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GO IN THE FATHER'S NAME?

- A. Going in the Father's name means - going by the authority of God. **Col.3:17; Matt.28:18**
 1. We have authority to speak for God. **1 Pet.4:11**
 2. We have authority to help people to become Christians. **Mark 16:15-16**
 3. We have authority to lead people in worship. **John 4:24**
- B. Going *in the Father's name* means - **going by representing God's character.**
 1. If you go in one's name, you represent his personality, his makeup, his being.
 - a) God is holy, God is love, God is good, God is truthful.
 - b) So that's the manifestation we're to show when we go in the Father's name!
 2. Jesus came representing the Father's character. **John 14:8-9**
 - a) Jesus spoke the things the Father wanted spoken.
 - b) Jesus stood for the things for which the Father stood.
 - c) Jesus did the things the Father wanted done.
 3. The Father wants us to go in His name representing His character. **Col.3:10 1 Pet.1:15**
 4. But to properly go in the Father's name, we must know what He wants us to stand for.

- a) He is a certain kind of God who has certain ways.
- b) We want to go in a way that will bring Him honor and not disgrace.
- c) We don't want to take His name in vain.

C. Going in the Father's name means - **going in the interest of God.**

- 1. We want what is best for God and His cause.

John 5:19- *“Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.”*

John 5:30- *“I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”*

John 8:28- *“Jesus therefore said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.”*

John 12:49- *“For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak.”*

John 14:10- *“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.”*

- a) Jesus came to do the Father's will.
- b) He NEVER refused, even when it came to SUFFERING! **Matt.26:39-** *“And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt.”*

- 2. The Father's agenda must be **above our agenda.**

- a) His words are authoritative.
- b) Our WILL must yield to the Father's will!

D. Going in the Father's name means - **going as God's servant.**

- 1. When we are going in the Father's name, we are serving Him.

- a) Our society doesn't like the idea of being servants.
- b) Everyone seems to want to BE NUMBER ONE! It seems that **many** want to MAKE DECISIONS but **few** really want to SERVE!

- 2. When we go in the Father's name, God is telling us what to do.

Matt.20:28- *“just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

Matt.26:42- *“He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Thy will be done.”*

John 6:38- *“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”*

E. Going in the Father's name means - **going willingly for God.**

- 1. God doesn't want us to clinch our teeth & reluctantly go. **John 4:34-** *“Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.”*

- a) Jesus lived to do the Father's will.
- b) Jesus thrived on serving the Father.
- c) Jesus enjoyed working for the Father.

- 2. Jesus attitude is also shown in the life of Paul, and he urges it on us also. **1 Cor.11:1-** *“Be ye imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ!”*

II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GO IN ONE'S OWN NAME? John 5:43-44

- A. Going *in one's own name* sometimes means - playing to the crowd. Matt.27:15-26-classic example.
1. Pilate was playing to the crowd. (While at the same time he was rejecting the evidence).
 2. Religious leaders played to the crowd. (When they turned a deaf ear and rejected the truth).
 3. Barabbas was playing to the crowd. (He rejected authority - insurrectionist).
 - a. JESUS didn't play to the crowd, nor the beloved apostle PAUL did not play to the crowd.
 - b. BECAUSE He would not compromise the truth.
 - c. AND, PAUL WOULD NOT CHANGE HIS MESSAGE. Gal 1:10 NIV- "*Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God?...If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.*"
- B. Going *in one's own name* sometimes means - putting oneself first. John 10:12-13- "*He who is a hireling, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters them. 13 "He flees because he is a hireling, and is not concerned about the sheep."*
1. A hireling is interested only in self-preservation; considering only his own rights and privileges!
 2. But a true shepherd, in actuality an humble servant, considers more important than even himself is that for which he is responsible!
- C. Going *in one's own name* sometimes means - manipulating others.
1. The religious leaders manipulated Pilate. John 19:12- "*As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar."*
 2. Often, you have to USE (or, manipulate) OTHERS if you find it necessary to justify yourself!
- D. Going *in one's own name* sometimes means - being sensational.
1. Many rely on sensationalism because it covers up the fact that there is no real substance to their message. A person who needs sensationalism as a distraction **really has no message!**
 2. And some people really desire the spectacular. viz., Naaman: -- 2 Kings 5:10-14- "*And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman was furious and went away and said, "Behold, I thought, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper. 13 Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, "My father, had the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."*
 - a) Sensationalism for sensation's sake offers absolutely nothing.
 - b) But real substance is to be found in much quieter voices when lovingly revealing TRUTH!
- E. Going *in one's own name* sometimes means - being arrogant.
1. In John 9 Jesus heals a man who had been born blind.
 2. The Pharisees are trying to explain away what has happened, so as not to lend any credence to Christ and His teachings.
 3. The Blind man tells them the truth, but they reject it (and then they reject HIM as they throw him out of the synagogue)

- a) But Jesus didn't come IN HIS OWN NAME, **He CAME IN THE FATHER'S NAME.**
- 1) He wasn't arrogant; **He spoke the truth.**
 - 2) He told people what they needed to hear **John 6:60-66-** *"Many therefore of His disciples, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?" 61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble? 62 "What then if you should behold the Son of Man ascending where He was before? 63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. 64 "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. 65 And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father." 66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew, and were not walking with Him anymore."*
 - 3) He put the kingdom first **Matt.6:33**
 - 4) He was sincere, JUST LIKE the disciples were taught to be afterwards. **1 Pet 1:22-** **"Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,"**
 - 5) He did what was in the best interest for others at all times. **He was a SERVANT!**
 - 6) He rejection sensationalism for being faithful **Matt.4:5-7-** *"Then the devil took[^] Him into the holy city; and he had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said[^] to Him, "If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST."*
 - 7) In ALL things and in every instance, He trusted and honored and respected the position and the authority of the Father! **Matt.27:46-** *"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"*
- b) Jesus NEVER **came** or **spoke** or **acted in the name of the Father** without the Divine Right to do so! **John 12:48.**

CONCLUSION:

- I. **Who, in this congregation, will go in the Father's name?**
 - A. Who will go **by His authority?**
 - B. Who will go **representing His character?**
 - C. Who will go **in His interest?**
 - D. Who will go **as His servant?**
 - E. Who will go **WILLINGLY?**
- II. **Who, IN THIS CONGREGATION, will go in the Father's name?**
 - A. Who will go in the Father's Name **without playing to the crowd?**
 - B. Who will go in the Father's Name **without putting self first?**
 - C. Who will go in the Father's Name **without manipulating others?**
 - D. Who will go in the Father's Name **without being sensational?**
 - E. Who will go in the Father's Name **without being arrogant?**
- III. **WILL YOU GO IN THE FATHER'S NAME?**