Bible reading: Ezekiel 36 : 22 - 32

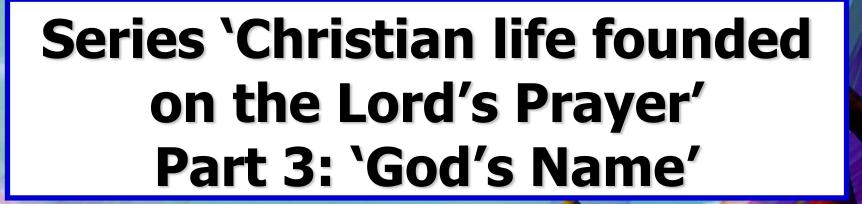
"God's Name"

<sup>22</sup> "Therefore say to the Israelites, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. <sup>23</sup> I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.

<sup>24</sup> "For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

<sup>28</sup> Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. <sup>30</sup> I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine.

<sup>31</sup> Then you will remember your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will loathe yourselves for your sins and detestable practices. <sup>32</sup> I want you to know that I am not doing this for your sake, declares the Sovereign LORD. Be ashamed and disgraced for your conduct, people of Israel!



**Ezekiel 36: 22-32** 

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## The Exposition

God's people are His only representatives that many people see (Ezekiel 36:20-23).

Only God's Spirit in our lives can lead us to obey Him (36:24-30).

Jesus fulfilled this promise at Pentecost by giving his life (Act 2).

Christian Life Founded on the Lord's Prayer God's Name (part 3) Ezekiel 36:20-32

Summary Message: God's holy name is our calling to do Good. Christians are called to be concerned about the welfare of the world.

The Exposition: The good works carried out by Christians are an expression of God's holiness. It is to be found in the context of the calling of God's people.

Christian Life Founded on the Lord's Prayer
God's Name (part 3) 1 Peter 1:13-17

## The Calling of God's People Peter 1:13-17 1. called upon 'to declare'

- 1. called upon 'to declare' the holy name of God (1 Pt 1:13-17)
  2:9-10)
- 2. called upon <u>'to follow'</u>
  the example of the suffering Messiah Jesus (1 Pt. 2:21).
- 3. called upon 'to bless'

  Christians are not repay evil with evil, or abuse with abuse, but the exact opposite, they were to impart the blessing of doing good (1 Pt. 3:9)

4 Called to be fruitful
Keeping the Commandments (Remain in Me John 15:9-17)

Fruitfulness depends on remaining in Him: Christians are called to a living relationship with Jesus.

Results: Economic benefits (Ezekiel 36:30)

Reason: For the sake of God's holy name (36:31)

Conclusion/Application: Continue a living relationship with Jesus Christ

## Bearing Fruits honors God's name (John 15:9-17)