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From Eliyahu

What was the first thing Messiah taught His disciples to pray for?

Not daily bread.

Not forgiveness.

Not deliverance.

The first cry He placed on their lips was this:

“Hallowed be Thy Name.”

That opening petition is not ornamental. It is not incidental. It is not a liturgical flourish. It reaches to the very center of the mission of YHWH in the earth.

And that raises a question that ought to trouble us far more than it does:

What Name?

If the Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah is the Elohim of Israel, then the Name in view is not a vague religious title. It is not merely “God” in the abstract. It is the covenant Name by which He made Himself known to His people. It is the Name bound up with His glory, His holiness, His covenant, and His purpose among the nations.

That matters because the people gathered by Messiah were never meant to become a new Gentile religion floating free from Israel. According to the New Testament itself, Gentiles who were once “alienated from the commonwealth of Israel” are brought into that in Messiah. Those who once were “not a people” are now made part of the people of Elohim. The Body of Messiah is not presented as a brand-new non-Israelite religion. It is presented as the renewed commonwealth of Israel, into which people from the nations may be joined through faith. (Eph 2, 1 Peter 2)

That means the mission must remain Israel’s mission.

Israel was chosen to bear the Name, sanctify the Name, and make the Name known among the nations. If Messiah has renewed His people rather than abolished them, then that calling remains. The renewed nation under Messiah is still meant to glorify the Name of YHWH before the world.

And if that is true, then the disappearance of the Name from the New Testament tradition is not a side issue. It is not a hobby for specialists. It is not a minor textual curiosity. It may be one of the clearest signs that the original Kingdom movement of Messiah was cast off by a heretical Gentile majority in the second century - the Gentile movement that later gave us the Catholic Church. And later than that, the Protestant Reformation. I'm talking about a heretical stream of Christianity that still reigns in the minds of millions today.

That is why I have been featuring the work of George Howard. Howard argued that the earliest New Testament writings likely preserved the divine Name, especially in quotations from the Hebrew Scriptures, and that later copyists replaced it with Greek surrogates such as *Kyrios* and *Theos*. He set out that thesis in his 1977 article, "The Tetragram and the New Testament."

Now consider the significance of that carefully.

We do not possess the original first-century New Testament manuscripts. In fact, there is still no convincing evidence that any first-century New Testament fragments survive. Realize, we have Jewish Scriptures and fragments that have survived until now, some possibly from as far back as 300 BC!

New Testament writings were considered Scripture by the apostles. The same care that was taken to preserve Jewish Scriptures surely would have been taken to preserve those precious 1st century originals that came from the anointed hands of the apostles and their associates. And yet - we don't have ANY of those! (2 Peter 3:16)

Where are they? Could they be in clay jars preserved in some cave somewhere, or maybe in some secret stash at the Vatican? Seriously, where are they?

Even the famous Rylands fragment of John, once popularly treated as extremely early, is described by the John Rylands Library as more likely dating nearer to 200 CE, while also noting that no earlier New Testament fragments are convincingly extant.

So, we have no originals and the surviving Greek New Testament Scriptures reach us through a second-century and later window.

And what do we find in that window? We find a scribal culture in which sacred names and titles are commonly abbreviated in what scholars call the *nomina sacra*. One scholar described this convention as among the earliest expressions of early Christian “visual culture,” while also acknowledging that questions remain about how and when the practice began.

To me, all this is where the evidence becomes deeply revealing.

If the original movement established by Yeshua was truly the renewed people of Israel under Messiah, then the Name of YHWH would never have been treated as expendable - for any reason. The true Israelite movement does not lose its concern for the sanctification of the Name. The true Israelite movement does not drift casually away from the covenant Name. The true Israelite movement does not feel free to mute the very Name that stands at the heart of Israel’s mission in the earth.

So when I look at the disappearance of the Name from the surviving Gentile New Testament tradition - at the very least from Old Testament quotations where the divine Name stood in the Hebrew source - I do not see a harmless development. I do not see a neutral scribal habit. I see evidence of departure. I see the center has shifted, if not disappeared. I see the mark of a movement that was not thinking in Israelite covenant terms.

And that, to me, is why the missing Name is the smoking gun.



I do not mean to say that every person in the second century who believed in Messiah was false. Nor do I mean that personal salvation ceased to be real. Personal salvation comes through faith in Messiah and His atoning sacrifice for sin. Thanks be to Yah for that mercy. But personal salvation was never meant to stand alone. It was meant to bring men and women into the restored covenant people of Yah - the renewed commonwealth of Israel, the living Kingdom body of Messiah.

That is where the fracture occurred that still persists.

The rogue Gentile majority movement personified by the "Church Fathers" that later developed into the institutional Christian Church broke away from the functional reality of restored Israel that Messiah had set up. In doing so, it did not merely form a new administrative structure. It departed from what had been the Kingdom body of Messiah. It separated personal salvation from the fuller corporate Kingdom reality into which salvation was meant to gather believers.

Once that separation began, the sordid history of Christianity as an institution followed from that.

If the Christian movement no longer understands itself as restored Israel, then Israel's mission no longer remains central to them. If it no longer understands itself as Messiah's renewed Kingdom nation, then the sanctification of the Name no longer occupies the center of its

calling. If it no longer sees Gentile believers as being joined into the commonwealth of Israel in a real way, as it was at the start, then it becomes easier to imagine that the faith has become something else - something detached, something generic, something called “Christianity” that exists at a distance from Israel’s covenant identity.

But the Lord’s Prayer still stands there, quietly exposing the rupture.

“Hallowed be Thy Name.”

Again I ask: **What Name?**

Messiah did not teach His disciples to begin with abstraction. He taught them to begin with the sanctification of the Father’s Name. That should tell us something vital about the original Kingdom message. The Name was not peripheral. It was not optional. It belonged at the front of the Lord’s prayer because it belonged at the front of the mission.

That is why I cannot treat this as a minor matter.

This is not first and foremost about recovering a pronunciation. It is not about argument for argument’s sake. It is not about trying to force Hebrew forms into every sentence. It is about whether the people of Messiah still understand who they are. It is about whether they still see themselves as the renewed people of YHWH, called to bear His glory and make His Name known in the eyes of all nations – or are they something else?

To me, the removal of the Name from the Greek New Testament tradition signals more than a scribal change. It signals that in the second century, the Gentile movement had already departed from the Kingdom movement of Messiah. The later institutional Christian Church – the Roman Church - did not appear out of nowhere.

It developed out of that earlier separation. And one of the clearest signs of that separation is this: the covenant Name, so vital to a true Israelite understanding of the faith, disappears from the surviving textual culture.

That is why this issue burns within me.

Notice this quote from the apostle Peter:

You also, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God (what God is that?) through Yeshua the Messiah. Because it is contained in Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, chosen, and precious: He who believes in him will not be disappointed." (1Pe 2:5,6)

Here is the actual verse Peter quotes from:

"Therefore thus says the Lord YHWH, Behold, I lay in Tsiyon for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone of a sure foundation. He who believes shall not be disturbed." (Isaiah 28:16)

Look it up. The Temple was built as the place for the Name of YHWH to dwell in the earth. Peter says the restored nation is built up as the Temple. That's not a metaphor. Peter is talking about the Kingdom structure of the new covenant people built up together by Messiah to perform the role assigned to the Temple! He said that because they were all a part together of something real and functioning. Do you really think that when Peter first wrote this in Hebrew he left out the Name of YHWH? I most certainly don't, because the verse Peter quotes has the Name of YHWH in it!

What Peter is saying about the Temple loses its force without that Name. Indeed, the Temple without the Name is left an abomination to be wept and mourned over!

And where are the living stones of that Temple now? They are meaninglessly scattered across the desolation of this world.

Believe me. The Temple of Elohim was not meant to remain scattered. The stones were not meant to lie dry and disconnected. Messiah did not redeem a people merely to save isolated souls and leave them

estranged from the restored commonwealth of Israel into which they were meant to be gathered. He came to bring near those who were far off. He came to form one people as the restored Temple of YHWH in the earth. He came to restore His broken people.

And that restoration must include the sanctification of the Name.

If the first petition of the Lord's Prayer still means what it meant when He taught it, then we cannot be content with a faith that has forgotten the covenant center of its calling. We cannot be content with a religion that speaks endlessly of salvation while remaining functionally estranged from restored Israel. We cannot be content with a history that treats the fading of the Name as though nothing important was lost.

The heart of all of it was lost. And what was lost must be recovered.

So I write this not merely as a criticism of the past, but as a call in the present. The issue before us is not only what happened in the second century. The issue is whether we will answer Messiah now.

Will we face the fact that the schism happened?

Will we seek the restoration of His people in their covenant identity?

Will we seek the gathering of what was scattered?

Will we once again take up the calling to hallow the Name of YHWH before the nations? That is where this road leads.

Not merely to information.

Not merely to correction.

But to restoration.

“Hallowed be Thy Name.”

May He teach us again what those words mean.

May He gather what has been scattered.

And may His renewed nation yet glorify His Name in the earth.

In tonight's *Remnant RoundUp* exclusive presentation for Tsiyon Members we will return to the start, where the Eternal One, YHWH, revealed His Great Name, His covenant Name, to His everlasting covenant nation. Our theme will be: *The NAME*.

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In His Name, Eliyahu

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***"The nations shall know that I am YHWH,
when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes." Eze 36:23***

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