

“The Music Of Thy Name”
Matthew 1:21

Introduction:

1. Tonight - We Are Going To:
 - Start Looking At:
 - Some Of The “Psalms, Hymns, And Spiritual Songs” Through Which:
 - We Can Learn So Much:
 - When It Comes To:
 - Our Christian Faith!
 - Last Sunday:
 - We Were Introduced To:
 - The First Hymnwriter:
 - That We Will Look At This Year!
 - And That Is:
 - John Newton:
 - The Pastor & Author Of:
 - Of One Of The Most Famous Hymns In English:
 - Amazing Grace!
2. Well - Newton Wrote:
 - Several Hundred Other Hymns:
 - That Were Published - Along With:
 - Many Of The Hymns Written By His Friend:
 - William Cowper:
 - In The Late 1700's - In Three Volumes Titled:
 - “Olney Hymns!”
 - Olney Was The Small Village In England:
 - Where Newton Served And Preached!
 - Well - Even Though:
 - Amazing Grace:
 - Only Became Popular:
 - Some 50 Years After:
 - Newton Lived!
 - And - Especially:
 - In America - And:
 - Among The Slave Communities In The South!
 - There Is One Hymn:
 - That He Wrote:
 - That Was One Of The Most Popular:
 - In His Own Lifetime!
 - 3. And That Is The Hymn:
 - We Will Be Looking At Tonight:
 - Which Was Titled By Newton As:
 - “The Name Of Jesus!”
 - The Title It Usually Goes By Today:
 - Is The First Line Of The Hymn:
 - “How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds!”
 - Now - One Of The Best Things:
 - About Newton’s Hymns:
 - Is That We Can Know Both When & Why:
 - He Wrote Just About:
 - Every One Of Them!
 - Because - He Would Often Write A Hymn:
 - That Went Along With:
 - The Message He Would Preach:
 - In His Church The Following Sunday!
 - 4. So - When It Comes To:
 - This Hymn - He Wrote It:

- As He Was Studying & Meditating On:
 - A Verse From The Song Of Solomon:
 - Which Throughout Church History:
 - Was Understood As A Book About The Love Of Christ:
 - And His Bride, The Church!
- He Even Told His Church That:
 - “A Chief Part Of This Little Book (The Song Of Solomon) Is An Attempt To Answer That Question: What Is thy Beloved More Than Another Beloved!”
 - And - Who Is A Christian’s Beloved?
 - The Lord Jesus Christ!
- And So - His Theme Verse:
 - For His Message On March 3, 1765:
 - Was Song Of Solomon 1:3:
 - “Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name [is as] ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee!”
 - John Newton Used This Verse:
 - To Remind His Congregation:
 - About The Precious Name Of Jesus:
 - Even As We’ve Been Singing About Tonight:
 - From The Hymns Of Others!

5. Now - We Even Have:

- The Message Notes:
 - That Newton Used:
 - To Preach Through This Verse!
 - And - When You Compare:
 - The Text Of His Notes With:
 - The Text Of His Hymn:
 - They Are Very Closely Aligned!
 - So Much So - That:
 - To Sing His Hymn:
 - Is To Almost Hear:
 - His Sermon!
 - And - Just Like Many Messages:
 - That Have Been Preached By Pastors:
 - Over The Years - Newton Considered:
 - Three Main Points:
 - From His Text!
 - His First Point Was - What Is Meant By:
 - “Thy Name” In Song Of Solomon 1:3!
 - And - The Name Was:
 - The Name Of Christ!
 - In His Message - He Said:
 - “The name of Christ includes the whole revelation concerning him, who he is, what he has done - all that we read of his love, his power and his offices make a part of his great and glorious name!”
 - And So - He Focused On:
 - Three Biblical Names & Descriptions:
 - Of Jesus - Including:
 - Savior!
 - Mediator! And:
 - Husband!
 - Newton’s Second Point Was:
 - Why The Name Of Jesus:
 - Would Be Compared To Ointment:
 - In Song Of Solomon 1:3!
 - Where It Says - “Thy Name Is As Ointment!”
 - And He Shared How:
 - Christ Himself:
 - Is Like An Ointment Or Medicine!

*My Prophet, Priest and King;
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.*

*Weak is the effort of my heart
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art
I'll praise Thee as I ought.*

*'Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.*

- Now - It Is Clear From:
 - These Words That:
 - Newton Wanted To:
 - Make Much Of The Doctrine:
 - Of Christ!
 - And So - In The Time We Have Left:
 - I Want Us To Focus On A Few:
 - Of Those Doctrines:
 - That Are Reflected in This Hymn, But Are Also Clearly Drawn From:
 - Scripture!
 - And - The Title I Gave:
 - To Tonight's Message:
 - Is From The Words We Find:
 - In That Final Stanza:
 - Of His Hymn:
 - "The Music Of Thy Name!"
 - Because - Just Like The Best Music:
 - There Is Great Beauty:
 - In The Name & Nature:
 - Of Jesus!
7. But - What Does His Name Mean?
 - Well - In Matthew 1:21 - When An Angel Of The Lord;
 - Appeared To Joseph In A Dream:
 - He Told Him That Mary - His Future Wife:
 - "Shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins!"
 - The Name Of Jesus:
 - Means "Jehovah Saves" - Or:
 - "Jehovah Is Salvation!"
 - It Is The Same Name Given To:
 - Joshua In The Old Testament!
 - And So - The Very Purpose:
 - Of Jesus - From The Beginning:
 - Was & Is To Save & Deliver & Rescue:
 - Sinners - Which We All Are!
 - From Our Sin!
 - And - All The Ways:
 - That Jesus Does This:
 - Is Like A Music All Its Own!
 - With Every Note In Perfect Harmony:
 - With Each Other!
 - And So - There Are Four Key Doctrines:
 - About Christ - That I Think:
 - Newton Captures In This:

- Beautiful Hymn!

* The First Note In The Music Of His Name Is That:

1. *Jesus Is A Sympathetic Savior!*

- This Is Something That We Find:

- In Hebrews 4:15 - Where We Are Told:

- "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin!"

- So - Jesus Is A Sympathetic Savior:

- Who Can Be & Always Is:

- "Touched With The Feeling Of Our Infirmities!"

- And So - The Name Of Jesus;:

- Is Able To Bring The Ointment:

- Of Relief:

- To Everyone Who Has The Conditions:

- That Newton Describes In The First Two Stanzas Of His Hymn!

- Conditions That All Stem From:

- Our Sinful Nature - And:

- The Fallen World:

- In Which We Live!

- Jesus Is The Great Physician:

- For All Of The:

- Sorrows & Wounds & Fears:

- That We Find In The First Verse!

- As Well As For All:

- The Troubles & Hunger & Weariness That We All Face:

- In This World:

- Described In The Second Verse!

- And Jesus Can Cure:

- Because Jesus Cares!

- He Is A Sympathetic Savior!

* The Second Note In The Music Of His Name Is That:

2. *Jesus Is A Sovereign Savior!*

- This Is Something We Find:

- In 2 Samuel 22:3 - Where We Are Told About:

- "The God of my rock; in him will I trust: [he is] my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior; thou savest me from violence!"

- All This - Jesus Is - Because:

- Jesus Is God Come In The Flesh!

- And So - The Name Of Jesus:

- As The Sovereign Savior:

- Is Able To Be:

- All The Refuge You Need:

- In This World Of Hardship & Hate!

- This Too Is Something:

- That Newton Reminds Us Of:

- With Some Old Testament

References To God:

- In The Third Verse!

- All The Power & Strength You Need:

- God Will Provide:

- Because He Is The "Rock" On Which:

- You Can Build!

- All The Protection You Need:

- God Will Provide:

- Because He Is Your "Shield" And "Hiding Place!"

- All The Provision You Need:

- God Will Provide:
 - Because He Is Your “Never Failing Treasury!”
- And - Newton Rightly Applies:
 - All Of These Characteristics:
 - To The Name & Nature:
 - Of Jesus Christ!
 - Because - He Is A Sovereign Savior!
 - And - You Can Trust In Him!

* The Third Note In The Music Of His Name Is That:

3. *Jesus Is A Sufficient Savior!*

- This Is Something We Find:
 - In 2 Corinthians 12:9 - Where Paul Tells Us What Jesus Told Him - When He Was Struggling With:
 - Some “Thorn In The Flesh!”
 - Jesus “Said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness!”
 - For Jesus To Be Sufficient:
 - Means That:
 - Jesus Is Enough! And Even:
 - More Than Enough - For Your Needs!
- And So - The Name Of Jesus:
 - As Your All-Sufficient Savior:
 - Can & Will Provide:
 - All Of His “Grace To Help In Time Of Need!” (Hebrews 4:16)
 - In The Fourth Verse:
 - Newton Focuses On:
 - The Sufficiency Of Jesus:
 - In *Our* Functions!
 - Because - It Is In Christ:
 - The Beloved One:
 - That You & Your Prayers:
 - Are Accepted By God!
 - “By Thee My Prayers Acceptance Gain!”
 - Which Means That:
 - Even In Your Prayer Life - Jesus Is Sufficient & Jesus Is Enough!
 - Also - It Is In Christ:
 - As Your Advocate & Mediator With God:
 - That Any & All Accusations:
 - The Devil May Level Against You:
 - Are Empty And Vain!
 - Because - Even Though:
 - We Are “With Sin Defiled!”
 - Jesus Is Still Sufficient & Jesus Is Still Enough!
 - Why - Because In Christ:
 - You Are Now “Owned A Child!”
 - A Child Of God Himself!
 - Jesus Is Completely Sufficient For You:
 - Even When You Struggle In:
 - Your Functions Before God!
 - “His Grace Is Sufficient For You!”
 - And Then - In The Fifth Verse:
 - Newton Focuses On:
 - The Sufficiency Of Jesus:
 - In *His* Functions:
 - Toward Us Who Believe In Him!
 - So That - Whatever You Need Jesus To Be:
 - He Already Is - And Will Show Himself:
 - To You In These Ways:

- Over & Over Again!
- When You Are Lost:
 - Like A Wandering Sheep:
 - Jesus Can Be Your Shepherd!
- When You Are Lonely:
 - Like A Widowed Spouse:
 - Jesus Can Be Your Husband!
 - There Is Nothing Inappropriate Here:
 - Since He Is The Husband Of His Bride The Church!
- When You Are Longing:
 - For Friendship - In The Midst Of:
 - A World Of Hate - Jesus Can Be:
 - Your Friend!
- When You Are Learning:
 - About God & Your Faith:
 - You Can Find In Jesus Your True Prophet & Priest & King!
- And - When You Are Looking:
 - For Guidance In Your Life:
 - No Matter Where You Are:
 - On Your Journey!
 - Jesus Can Be:
 - Your Lord, Your Life, Your Way, And Your End!
- Because - Jesus Is All-Sufficient:
 - For You! Jesus Is:
 - Enough & All You Need!
- And This Great Truth:
 - Caused Newton To Respond:
 - To The Music Of Jesus' Name:
 - With Praise!
 - "Accept The Praise I Bring!"
- But - Just Look At The Kind Of Praise:
 - Newton Offers:
 - To Jesus!
 - It's A Humble Praise:
 - Because - In The Sixth Verse:
 - Newton Remembers That:
 - Even When He Wants To Praise Jesus The Way He Ought To Be Praised:
 - He Can't!
 - Because - The Effort Of His Heart:
 - Is Weak! And:
 - So Is Ours!
 - And - He Knows That Even:
 - His Warmest Thought Toward Jesus:
 - Is Cold!
 - But - This Too Is How We Ought To Respond:
 - To Jesus As:
 - Our Sympathetic & Sovereign & Sufficient Savior!
 - He Deserves So Much More:
 - Than We Can Bring!
 - But - That Doesn't Mean That We Don't Stop Bringing What We Can!
- Especially When We Praise Him:
 - With A Hopeful Praise!
 - Knowing That - There Will Come A Day:
 - As Newton Wrote - "But When I See Thee As Thou Art, I'll Praise Thee As I Ought!"
- And We Will - For All Eternity!
 - Because Jesus Is An:

- All-Sufficient Savior!
- He Is More Than Enough:
- For Me & For You!

* And Then Comes The Fourth & Final Note In The Music Of His Name!

- And That Is:

4. *Jesus Is A Satisfying Savior!*

- Which Is Something We Know:

- From Psalm 103:5 - Which Tells Us That The Lord Is The One:

- “Who satisfieth thy mouth with good [things; so that] thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s!”

- Jesus Is A Satisfying Savior:

- Who Can Refresh & Renew & Revive You:

- Like Water:

- In A Desert!

- Like Life:

- In The Midst Of Death!

- And - Like Music:

- In An Atmosphere:

- Of Silence!

- And So - Newton Ends His Hymn:

- With These Words About:

- Our Satisfying Savior:

- “Till Then I Would Thy Love Proclaim, With Every Fleeting Breath; And May The Music Of Thy Name, Refresh My Soul In Death!”

Conclusion:

1. This Is The Kind Of Savior:

- We Have In Jesus!

- He Is Sympathetic!

- He Is Sovereign!

- He Is Sufficient!

- And - He Is Satisfying!

- Just Think About:

- The Music Of His Name:

- As We Sing These Truths:

- Not Only In Praise To Him - But Also:

- To Teach And Admonish One Another:

- About Him!

2. Now - Even Though:

- We Don’t Know What Tune:

- Newton’s Congregation Used:

- To Sing This Hymn For The First Time!

- The Tune *We* Will Use:

- Has Been Associated With Newton’s Words:

- Since 1861!

- Have The Instruments Play Through It Once:

- And Then - Sing It Together:

- As We Think About:

- “The Music Of His Name!”

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