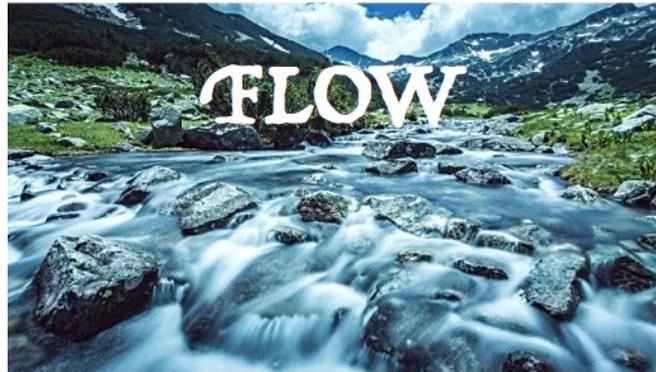


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Nothing Higher

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What if I told you about a guy named George? Would you trust him? Would you take his advice into serious consideration?

What if we changed his title to Sir George? Does that change the way you think of him? Do you suddenly have more respect for him? What if, eventually, Sir George became King George? With each title change, little by little, the honor grows, the respect grows.

The Lord's Name is the same way. When we treat Him and call on Him using the respect and reverence He deserves, we lift His Name higher. The Bible is very clear that we are not to use the Lord's Name in vain because He is holy and we are to worship Him. There is no greater name than

Jesus, the Christ. Maybe that's why we hear it used in vain so often - it is powerful, with no other name above it.

Exodus 20:7 (ESV) says:

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”

Leviticus 19:12 (ESV):

“You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.”

Acts 4:12 (ESV) says:

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Later on in verse 30 it says: *“While you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”*

Obviously, the Lord's Name is of utmost importance, and when we use it properly with respect, it brings reverence, honor, and praise to Him.

Take a moment to reflect on the way you use or think about the Lord's Name, and how you can use His Name to bring Him glory today!

Questions:

- How do you hear the Lord's Name being used in society today? Does it lift Him up?
- How can you honor the Lord by using His Name wisely?

Other Resources:

Romans 10:9-13

Mark 13:13

Psalms 135:13

Natalie Grant - Your Great Name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCg3HU1jhVA>

Lincoln Brewster - There is Power

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkeeHG5cR68>