

# Biblical Study Insights

A Weekly Compilation by Rodney "Roc" Foreman

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## "The Sweetest Name"

*"...The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel (meaning; God with us)...."*  
**Matthew 1:23**

In our weekly Biblical Studies, we have been learning about The Grace of God and how He touches, blesses and becomes personal with humanity through His Grace. We have also learned a very IMPORTANT TRUTH about how God blesses mankind – NOT merely with He has, but with WHO HE IS! In other words, we have been learning, in great detail, that God touches and bless the human life with HIMSELF... With His Nature!

The Apostle Peter, as we've learned, showed us a transforming Truth about this very fact, when he said, *"...He [God] has given us His Very Great and Precious Promises, so that through them you may participate in The Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires...."* **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:3-4**

Think about this, "...we may PARTICIPATE in (or experience) The Divine Nature...." This tells us that our experience and encounters with God is not merely with His "things" or His "stuff" with which to bless us, but with His NATURE... With Himself! Therefore, we are carefully learning about The Nature of God, and that being, through the Characteristics found in His many Names!

Names are VERY important! Notice, when The Angel visited with Joseph in a dream, He instructs Joseph about The Name he was to give to his Spiritually Conceived baby, *"...Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from The Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him The Name Jesus, because He will Save His People from their sins...."* **Matthew 1:20-21**

Jesus, The Savior! The Name that matches The Mission, what He does and how He will operate! But, wait a minute! How Jesus intends to IDENTIFY with His People is equally as important! Matthew told us in chapter 2, *"...He went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that He would be called a Nazarene...."* **Matthew 2:23** Nazareth was viewed as such a terrible place and filled with such terrible people, that Nathanael expressed a surprising reaction when he learned that Jesus came from there: *"...Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in The Law, and about whom the Prophets also wrote— Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip...."* **John 1:45-46**

In other words, The Name of Jesus NOT ONLY speaks to His Mission, but also to His Identity with the lowly – with those whom no one expects anything good – with those many have given up on! Is that YOU? Are you among the lowly? Are the expectations of YOUR life de-valued? Do YOU come from hopeless circumstances? Well, if so, I'd love for YOU to meet my Friend Jesus, Who is also called IMMANUEL, which means, God with us!! He identifies with YOU, far more than with the rich and well-to-do!

His Name is The SWEETEST Name, because He comes to us when no one else will... He does for us, what no one else will... He goes with us, when no one else will dare... He comforts us, when no one else can! When we are broken and bruised, He comes to us! When we are hopeless and confused, He comes to us! When we are lost and afraid, He comes to us! When we are lacking and in great need, He comes to us!

Jesus, The SWEETEST Name – Every day The Same!

*"...God also has highly exalted Him and given Him The Name which is above every name, that at The Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to The Glory of God The Father...."* **Philippians 2:9-11**

Much Love,  
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