

The Meaning of Names

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Subject: RE: The Lord Knows the Desires of your Heart

Pastor Riley,

Again, the Lord has continued to amaze me with his Providence.

Last week, led by the Holy Spirit to search the 5 Doves site for your previous postings, I came across an intriguing post dated Nov.20 2006 about "The Second Witness"

After reading that night, it left me with such a desire to get the answer that I was compelled to go to the Lord in prayer. Sure enough the Holy Spirit answered that night saying to me that it was " John the Beloved" that you had written about 30 years ago. I was happy to know that he spoke giving the answer.

Here is the Divine part, based on that thought I decided to check the list you sent showing which studies were available online, sadly it was not listed. I said to myself, the Lord knows my heart desire and the Holy Spirit already gave the answer... so be contented.

Last night, seeing that you replied, of course brought a smile to my face. We pray for you regularly, knowing that the Lord has a Plan for your life as well as has you in our lives for a purpose.

Guess what was the 1st study listed in the attachment... the answer to the prayer..(the desire of my heart) The Future Ministry of God's Two Witnesses. What Joy, Praise the Lord.

Then to read that whom you identified was the same as the one the Holy Spirit gave as the answer, a wonderful feeling of the Lord's Care came into me.

There are two reasons why it was important to me to get this confirmation :

1. My middle name is John and I know that we are named not by accident but by God for the Divine Purpose he has for your life and the name he gives you will dictate what your qualities and attributes will be once you align yourself with His will.

2. I always knew in my heart that Every mention of John in the Gospels, especially by Jesus, showed that he had as plan for his life.

This concept also brought up another type : Why did Jesus always have, choose and take with him Peter, James and John for the tasks he deemed special and intimate ? To me and correct me if I am wrong but let us look at what happened to these men :

- Peter became the Head of the Church - in more ways than one
- James died early as a Martyr



Dear Brother John,

What a blessing your email was to me this morning. It has just made my day. Praise the Lord! Thank you dear brother for writing and sharing that testimony of God's graciousness.

Yes dear brother, every name in the Bible has a meaning. I have tried for years to encourage my congregations to get a good concordance and look up the meaning of the Bible names, for many times the names convey a message from the Lord that is not in the immediate surface text where the names occur. For instance.....

In **Genesis 37:12-17** Jacob sent his son Joseph to Shechem to seek his brethren and inquire about their welfare. Joseph [a vivid type of Christ] was sent out of Hebron to Shechem. But his brethren were not in Shechem. So Joseph spent some time **"wandering in the field."** The Scriptures say that a certain man [the Holy Spirit?] found him and directed him to Dothan where he found his brethren.

The word Hebron means "fellowship." Our precious Lord left the sweet "fellowship" that He had with His Father in Heaven, to come to this earth to **"seek and save the lost sheep of the house of Israel," Matthew 15:24.** The word Shechem means "shoulder" or "burden bearer." When Christ came into the world He found Israel laboring under the "burden" of the Law, and all of humanity laboring under the "burden" of sin. But His brethren rejected Him, betrayed Him, and sold Him to the Gentiles as we read later in this chapter in **Genesis**. So He spent some time **"wandering in the field," Matthew 13:38.** He finally found His brethren at "Dothan." The Word Dothan means "well" or "two wells." Christ Himself became the "well of living water" or "two wells," one for the Jews and one for the Gentiles, which if a man drink thereof he shall never thirst again, **John 4:13-14.** There in those names the Lord was portraying the ministry that He would perform for humanity centuries before He even came into the world.

My name is Francis. I don't know that it even occurs in the Scriptures, but I have been told by those who trace the root meaning of words that it means "friend." I know that only by the grace of God I have become one of the Lord's "friends," **John 15:14-15**, and I have spent my life trying to be a "friend" to my brethren and to poor lost seeking souls. Praise the Lord!

Dear brother, Peter, James, and John were also three disciples of the Lord. "Three" is the Bible number associated with "the resurrection and rapture" of God's people in the Bible. See the beautiful type in **Matthew 16:28** and **17:1-9** of the resurrection and rapture of God's people taking place "**after six days**," as the Lord took those three "**up into a high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them.**" Glory to God!

When the resurrection and rapture occurs John himself tells us that "**when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is,**" 1 John 3:2. Paul also tells us, "*For our conversation [citizenship] is in Heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself,*" **Philippians 3:20-21.**

When the Lord took those "three" disciples into that "**high mountain apart**" "**after six days**" He was prefiguring the resurrection and rapture of God's people after six thousand years of human history. And as He was "**transfigured before them**," in all of His glory, so He was prefiguring how He will appear to us when we meet and see Him for ourselves at the rapture, and the glorious transformation that is going to take place in every one of His raptured children at that same time. Glory! Praise the Lord!

Dear brother, do you realize that it is only 15 more days until this glorious event occurs? Glory! Hallelujah! Glory to God! Praise the Lord! "**Even so, come, Lord Jesus,**" **Revelation 22:20.**

God bless you dear brother. I'll meet you in glory in just a few more days. Glory to God! Pray for me.

Pastor F. M. Riley



NOTE FROM PEGGY: My real name is Myra Margaret, and Peggy is a nickname for Margaret. Myra means "admirable" and Margaret/Peggy means "pearl". "Pearl" made me think of the awesome article Pastor Riley had written entitled "You Cannot Burn a Pearl". Richard means "powerful leader", which he definitely is!