

Advance to the Manger — Day 25

Advance in Jesus Name

John 14:13-14 TPT

“For I will do whatever you ask me to do when you ask me in my name. And that is how the Son will show what the Father is really like and bring glory to him. Ask me anything in my name, and I will do it for you!”

Introduction:

- Scripture: John 14:13-14
- Celebrate the birth of Jesus with joy and gratitude.
- Be encouraged carry the spirit of Christmas – love, joy, peace, and generosity – into the coming year.

As we approach the manger, we are reminded of the significance of Jesus' birth and the incredible gift of salvation that He brings. In John 14:13-14, Jesus assures His disciples that whatever they ask in His name, He will do it. These verses reveal a powerful truth that can transform our approach to the manger and our relationship with Christ.

As we approach the joyous season of Christmas, it is a time for us to reflect on the miraculous birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In the Bible, Jesus is referred to by many names, each revealing a unique aspect of His divine nature and purpose. Today, let us embark on a devotional journey, exploring the significance of these names as we advance towards the manger.

Names Of Jesus

Emmanuel – God With Us — Matthew 1:23

Prince of Peace — Isaiah 9:6

The Light of the World — John 8:12

Wonderful Counselor — Isaiah 9:6

Savior — Luke 2:11

Redeemer — Job 19:25

Alpha and Omega — Revelation 1:8

Good Shepherd — John 10:11

Bread of Life — John 6:35

Living Water — John 4:14

Lamb of God — John 1:29

The Way, the Truth, and the Life — John 14:6

The Vine — John 15:5

The Resurrection and the Life — John 11:25

Lord of Lords — Revelation 17:14

King of Kings — Revelation 19:16

Advocate — 1 John 2:1

The Waymaker — Isaiah 43:19

Cornerstone — Ephesians 2:20

I Am — John 8:58

The Door — John 10:9

The High Priest — Hebrews 4:14-16

The Judge — 2 Timothy 4:8

Heart Reflection

1. **The Authority of Jesus' Name:**

The name of Jesus carries authority and power. It represents His character, His mission, and His position as the Son of God. When we approach the manger in Jesus' name, we acknowledge His authority over our lives and our complete reliance on Him. We recognize that it is only through His name that we can have access to the Father and experience the fullness of His blessings.

2. **Praying in Jesus' Name:**

Praying in Jesus' name is not merely adding a phrase at the end of our prayers. It is a posture of surrender and trust, aligning our desires with God's will and seeking His glory above all else. When we pray in Jesus' name, we acknowledge that He is the mediator between us and the Father, and we trust that He will intercede on our behalf. It is a reminder that we are not praying in our own strength or merit, but in the name of the One who has the power to fulfill our requests.

3. **The Glory of the Father:**

Jesus declares that He will do whatever we ask in His name so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. Our prayers, when offered in Jesus' name, are not for our own selfish desires or personal gain, but for the glory of God. As we advance to the manger in Jesus' name, our focus shifts from ourselves to the magnification of God's name. Our prayers become an expression of our desire to see His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

4. **Trusting in God's Faithfulness:**

When we advance to the manger in Jesus' name, we can have confidence that He will answer our prayers according to His perfect will. Jesus promises that He will do it. While the answer may not always come in the way we expect or on our desired timeline, we can trust that God's plans are far greater than ours. He is faithful to His promises, and He works all things together for our good and His glory.

Call To Action

- **Approach the Manger in Prayer:**
 - Take time each day to approach the manger in prayer.
 - offer your requests to God in Jesus' name.
 - Remember to align your desires with God's will.
 - Seek His glory above all else.
 - Trust that He hears your prayers.
 - Believe will answer according to His perfect timing and plan.
- **Surrender and Trust:**
 - Surrender your own agenda.
 - Trust in God's faithfulness.
 - Recognize that His ways are higher than our ways.
 - Remember He knows what is best for us.
 - Release any anxieties or worries and place your trust in Him.

- Know that He is working all things together for your good.
- **Seek God's Glory:**
 - Shift your focus from personal gain to the glorification of God's name.
 - Pray for His kingdom to come and His will to be done in your life and in the world.
 - Seek opportunities to bring glory to God in all that you do.
 - Reflect His love, grace, and truth to those around you.
- **Embrace God's Timing:**
 - Understand that God's timing is perfect.
 - Trust that He knows what is best for us.
 - His plans are for our ultimate good.
 - Be patient and persevere in prayer.
 - Know that God is at work behind the scenes, orchestrating His perfect plan.
- **Live in Faith:**
 - Live your life in faith and obedience to God's Word.
 - Trust that He will equip you with everything you need to fulfill His purposes.
 - Walk in the confidence that comes from knowing that you are praying with all authority.

Take A Way

As we approach the manger, let us remember the power and authority that is found in the name of Jesus. Let us pray in His name, seeking the glorification of the Father above all else. May we trust in His faithfulness and believe that He will answer our prayers according to His perfect will. As we advance to the manger in Jesus' name, may our hearts be filled with awe and gratitude for the incredible gift of salvation that He brings.

Remember, approaching the manger in Jesus' name is not simply a one-time event but a continuous posture of surrender, trust, and seeking God's glory. As you apply these principles to your daily life, you will experience the transformative power of prayer and witness the faithfulness of God in answering your prayers according to His perfect will.

Prayer:

Oh Lord,
thank you for the eternal Gift found in the manger. Help us to advance to the manger in His Name, leaving behind the chaos and complexities of this life. Teach us to find confidence in you alone, knowing that your ways are higher, and your authority reigns supreme. Fill us with your strength and peace, enabling us to face any situation with surety and confidence. In Jesus' name, amen.