Proverbs 30:4: “Who has gone up to heaven and come down? … **What is His Name and the name of his son? Tell me if you know!”**

I. The Power of a Name

A. The Story of Abilene and Mae Mobley in the movie, *The Help*, provides an example.

1. “You is kind. You is smart. You is important.”

 2. These words to a 4-year-old girl were in contrast to those of her mother.

 3. Mae Mobley’s self-assessment was, “Mae Mo bad.”

 B. What about us? What are the names others have called us and we ourselves?

 C. What are the names we call others?

II. The names we use for God matter and affect Him and us.

 A. The Theological Significance of a name begins in Genesis 2.

 1. The man was given the authority to name the living creatures.

 2. This connects with the declaration that man is created in God’s image.

 a. God and man have the power to create with their words.

 B. With Abraham, God begins to change men’s and women’s names.

 1. This continues in Jesus’ ministry.

 2. This continues today.

 a. If God were writing you a letter, what would be the salutation?

 Would you recognize yourself by that name?

 C. God Himself is affected by our names for Him.

 1. “Thou shalt not take/misuse the name of the Lord thy God in vain.”

 2. Consider the significance of the beginning of the Lord’s Prayer.

III. Our Worth and Our Worship are directly linked in the scriptures.

 A. Worship is short for worth ship for old Anglo-Saxon word, “Weorthscipe.”

 B. Worship is the ascription of worth to someone or something.

 1. Consider Psalm 96:8, “Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name…”

 2. Consider Exodus 15, “All Hail the Power of Yahweh’s Name…”

 C. Isaiah 6:1-8 is the classic passage connecting our worth and worship.

 1. I Saw: “Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD Almighty.”

 2. I Cried: “Woe to me! I am ruined!”

 3. I Heard: “Whom shall I send?”

 4. I Said: “Here am I. Send me!”

 D. A Vision of God leads to a Vision of Self which leads to a Vision of Others.

IV. Another Blinding Vision is recorded in the New Testament in Acts, Chapter 9

 A. A man discovers God’s Name.

 B. The man has his own name changed by God.

 C. The rest is history.

1. *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name, Let Angels prostrate fall.*

 *Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!*

2. *Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race,ye ransomed from the fall,*

 *Hail Him who saved you by His Grace and crown Him Lord of all!*