

Jesus Has a Name

Episode 24

Call Upon His Name

Yahweh Sabaoth – Part 2

We will pick up in our discovery of **Yahweh Sabaoth**. He is the absolute monarch, master, and commander of all of heaven's armies, both the good angels and the nasty, dark, wicked, demonic angels. In our last episode, we learned something quite shocking, and that is that Satan and the demons are a gift to believers and are a blessing in our lives, for they are the perfect tool in the hands of our loving **Yahweh** to accomplish all His good, pleasing, and perfect will in our lives.

In fact, all the angels, even the demonic nasty evil creatures (including Satan) are ministering spirits, sent out to render service to those who will inherit salvation.¹ And there is nothing those bad angels can do against a chosen one of God unless they first receive **Yahweh Sabaoth's** permission to "minister" to a chosen one of God (in demonic terms, to come against them) and receive guarantee by **Yahweh Sabaoth** of their plan's limitations and success.

Ironically, even when **Yahweh Sabaoth** does grant permission and guarantees the success of their mission, the demons, the bad angels, seem to be ignorant of God's overall plan in permitting their attack. Do you think that if Satan understood what the Father had planned that he would have enticed Judas to betray Jesus and then enticed the religious leaders to force Rome to crucify him? I dare say not. Satan did not know, much less anticipate, what the Father was doing. Satan was ignorant.²

I am sure that in his blind arrogance and pride he thought he had just carried out the biggest cosmic coup ever and had finally thwarted the plans of God, thereby fulfilling his braggadocios claim that he, not Jesus, would ascend to heaven and raise his throne above the stars of God (a metaphor for the angels) sitting on the mount of assembly.³ Satan foolishly believed he would supplant Jesus and take control over the heavenly assembly. The Spirit addresses his foolishness

¹ **Hebrews 1:14**

² See **1 Corinthians 2:8**, where the "rulers" of this world are the unseen spirits, principalities, powers, dominions, etc. If they would have known they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.

³ **Isaiah 14:13-14**

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in Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 2:6-9

Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten. No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."

I believe the Spirit was talking about Satan and all the demonic hoards when He referenced "the rulers of this world;" for that is who they are. Scripture is clear, the king, prince, and god of this world is the devil who rules along with the world forces of darkness and the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenlies. And it was these rulers who crucified our glorious Lord.⁴ They just used human agents to accomplish their plans.

However, because their wisdom is not the wisdom of God, they did not know or understand the plan of **Yahweh**, and they fell right into His trap, so-to-speak. In no way did they ever imagine that God would become man and that Jesus' death and resurrection would make it possible for man to be indwelt by God. It was all too fantastical, and they had no clue.

They just unwittingly carried out the plan of the Father, having obtained the permission of **Yahweh Sabaoth**, thinking they knew what they were doing in crushing the Son. And, by the way, the Father's plan was clearly announced beforehand in scripture—remember, God does nothing without first revealing it to His servants the prophets.⁵ And although it was boldly announced, it was not understood by Satan nor his demons; they did not have the insight to understand the

⁴ See *John 12:31, 14:30; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2, 6:12; 1 John 4:4, 5:19*

⁵ *Amos 3:7*

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wisdom of God. So, all their efforts came to no avail as **Yahweh Sabaoth** used their efforts to crush the Son of Man to accomplish His own plans.

The Alpha and the Omega strikes again!

They are our Servants

As mentioned earlier, whether they fully understand it or not, the angels (both good and bad) work for **Yahweh Sabaoth**. And what is even more fantastical is that they all serve the Lord's chosen ones.

In **Hebrews 1**, the Spirit compares Jesus with the angels. He did this because the Jews used to venerate the angels and honor them in somewhat of an idolatrous way and He wanted to show how Jesus is greater than all. He calls the angels "His ministers, flames of fire."⁶ But as great as they are, they do not rank with the Son. For which of the angels has He (the Father) ever said, "sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet?" And then He closes with this insightful statement.

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not **ALL** ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?"

All of them, not some of them, fill this role as ministering spirits. **This is the great cosmic irony.** When **Yahweh** grants permission for Satan or his demons to come against His chosen ones and empowers their plans, they do not realize that it is always, always, always for the ultimate benefit of His loved ones, as everything He appoints and therefore everything He permits, is a beautiful expression of His great love. They want to hurt us, they want to conquer us, they want to destroy us, but **Yahweh** has a different plan in mind. He wants to use all their efforts to help transform us into the image of the Son. Yes, it may require them hurting us, but it is the means by which

⁶ Referencing **Psalm 104:4**

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God will put to death our Old Sinful Nature, our *flesh*.

This gives me great comfort. Now, what I am going to say next is quite personal and it may sound weird and totally bizarre, but God once told me through a prophet that Lucifer is going to come and attempt to press his thumb into my head, to imprint me with his mark. It sounds simply awful. The most powerful being ever created by **Yahweh** is going to try and mark me with his unseen but unmistakable print. Why me? Who knows, but I know that if **Yahweh Sabaoth** has approved this plan, He has His own plan in mind with His own end that is different than Lucifer's desired ending.

Thankfully, the same prophet told me that I would remain like gold and Lucifer would fail, I would not be marked by him. Thus, I can now arm myself with this truth about **Yahweh Sabaoth** knowing that He is the one who has sent Lucifer, as a ministering spirit, to accomplish **Yahweh's** own purposes in my life.

I can also trust the **Yahweh Jireh** has made complete provision for this time as He has been preparing and provisioning me through much suffering, stillness, and waiting, such that I will remain like gold. Honestly, I do not like any of it and it kind of freaks me out, but I am also confident that it is all for **Yahweh's** beautiful purposes. Therefore, I can trust that nothing is random, nothing is arbitrary, and the enemy will not have his way with me.

In that vein, what does it mean for us to bet our lives on the name Yahweh Sabaoth?

No Fear!

Considering this truth regarding **Yahweh Sabaoth**, I must say that I am concerned that believers have spent far too much time afraid of Satan and his demons. I know I have. It seems that in the world over people are at the same time fascinated and scared to death of the devil. After all, most of us are afraid of what we cannot see, especially when we know that something powerful with ill intent lurks about in the darkness. And if you have ever had a tangible encounter with one of them, you will know how scary they can be.

Sadly, however, few believers are ever taught the truth about Satan and his demons because they have not been taught the truth about **Yahweh Sabaoth**. Yes, Satan and his demons strike terror in the hearts of men, but the Word of God is clear, we are to fear only **Yahweh** our God,

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not the devil and his demons.⁷

We must be willing to bet our lives on His name, for when we do, **we will have no reason to fear—none at all!** They cannot do anything which **Yahweh** does not authorize and permit. Moreover, they cannot thwart His will for our lives. As created beings, they simply do not have the power. Our God is **El Shaddai**, the **Almighty**. The demons and the devil can only function as wild and crazy tools in His hands. Thus, we must fear only **Yahweh** our God.

This name, Yahweh Sabaoth, is so powerful, for it has the power to marginalize this enemy that we have for far too long feared and for far too long have ascribed way too much power and authority. They are just our servants!

You might be wondering how this truth is reconciled with the fact that we are to always be on the alert because Satan prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour.⁸ The way it is written is so scary. It sounds like he can just attack us as soon as we are not ready.

This passage, however, is in perfect sync with what we learned about **Yahweh Sabaoth** when read in context. The Spirit commands us to let God humble us before Him because He cares for us.⁹ The implication is that if we do not let Him humble us, if we are not willing to let Him go to war against our *flesh*, we just might be brought before the Great Assembly by Satan and accused of this or that, and **Yahweh Sabaoth** just might give this lion permission to attack. Hence, the devil prowls around us looking for reasons to bring accusation. But he cannot attack unless **Yahweh** permits.

Hence, we are told to resist the devil firm in our faith knowing that the suffering we endure is also being experienced by other believers. In other words, there is a high likelihood that many of us give this wicked lion so many reasons to accuse us before the Assembly and **Yahweh Sabaoth** gives him permission to attack—to bring difficulties and suffering into our lives.

However, it is somewhat comforting to know that this is how the system works. In other words, if we are facing suffering, if the lion is permitted to attack, it is not an experience unique

⁷ **Deuteronomy 6:13**

⁸ **1 Peter 5:8**

⁹ **See 1 Peter 5:6-10**

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to us; rather, it is how **Yahweh Sabaoth** functions and orchestrates the spiritual ministers, these flames of fire, to invade into the physical realm and impact the lives of His true believers.

Thus, instead of judging people for their suffering and trials, many of which they might fail, we must accept the fact that **Yahweh Sabaoth** has authorized, directed it, and will purposefully use it to conform His chosen ones into the image of Christ, regardless of their success or failure. It is all part of His **Plan-A** for our lives.

At a minimum, **Yahweh Sabaoth** will use it to convince us that we should let Him humble us before Him, that we should be **willing** to let Him break our **Old Sinful Nature** and cause us to become wholly dependent upon **Yahweh** for all things, in all things, all the time.

In fact, that is what it means to be humbled before Him. He simply wants us to realize that we are in abject spiritual poverty and abject physical poverty. Thus, we are always in need of all that comes from His hand. That is why being **in Christ** is about living in **GRACE**—living 100% dependent upon Him alone for all things: our righteousness, our separation, our provision, our shelter, our direction, our healing, our transformation, and so on.

He Completes It

Even though **Yahweh Sabaoth** permits this lion to attack and permits him to tear and devour us, **Yahweh** always gets the last word, or the last deed, so-to-speak. He tells us that after we have suffered for a little while (which in His version of time just might mean a very long while), the God of all grace, who calls us to His eternal glory in Christ, will perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish us.¹⁰

In other words, **Yahweh Sabaoth** permits and directs Satan (and the demonic) to come against us so we can learn how to be willing to let the Spirit cause us to call on the name of **Yahweh** and be saved.¹¹

YAHWEH SABAOTH IS ALWAYS IN CONTROL AND HE WILL USE THIS “LION” FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES IN OUR LIVES. THE RESULT WILL BE BEAUTIFUL. HE WILL

¹⁰ **1 Peter 5:10**

¹¹ **Romans 10:13**. See Episodes 5-7 at threshermediagroup.com

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PERFECT, CONFIRM, STRENGTHEN, AND ESTABLISH US.

Thus, we must fear only God; we are not to fear the enemy. Whether we are aware of it or not, we have all faced many demonic beings: powers, principalities, dominions, wicked forces in heavenly places, and the demonic beings that attach to people and at times even take up their residence within people. For some, this has been terrifying and harrowing. After all, they are glorious beings, and they are not afraid of us at all.

And keep in mind, in the Bible, almost every human who ever encounters an angel falls to the ground and is practically paralyzed in their presence. That is how awesome these angelic beings are; therefore, it is no wonder that we feel terror.

But here is the thing, **Yahweh Sabaoth**—their Commander—lives within us. Remember, **Yahweh Shammah** is always there and “there” just happens to be in the **New Creation** of each true believer. And even though they may not be afraid of us, and their glory far exceeds our own, they are terrified of the one who is their Sovereign Master.

Therefore, if we want to know how to terrify the enemy, we are to live in the strength of **Yahweh**, by being willing to let the Spirit cause us to be humble before Him.

The story is the same with each name. We must let **Yahweh** take dominion over our lives. We must let Him rout out the enemies in our land, cause us to destroy our idols, cancel our treaties, and no longer worship the demons. Simply said, we must let **Yahweh** possess us. As He takes up more and more room in our being, we will find that the enemy will flee from our presence—technically, from the presence of **Yahweh Sabaoth** in us.

James 4:7-8

Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

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The Spirit of God which dwells in us is not a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and discipline.¹² The power of God dwells within us to resist the devil and to cause him to flee. That is why we must bet our lives on the name!

Isaiah 8:12-14

Don't call everything a conspiracy, like they do, and don't live in dread of what frightens them. Make **Yahweh** of Heaven's Armies holy in your life. He is the one you should fear. He is the one who should make you tremble. He will keep you safe. [Amen]

In closing, I want us to understand that this name **Yahweh Sabaoth** is used so many times because the Spirit incorporates it when addressing how God does what He does with mankind. **Yahweh Sabaoth** always acts through the agency of the Spiritual. Thus, in every area of our lives, even the administration of His mercy, comes at the workings of His heavenly hosts which have been sent as ministering spirits to fulfill His purposes.

Yahweh Sabaoth's angels are behind wars and desolations on the earth; behind His reckoning against those who rebel from Him, and how He influences kings and world rulers. They are involved even in the birth of people (as in Samuel) and they help us conquer our enemies (David with Goliath). His angels distribute His blessing, they protect and preserve His chosen ones, they are involved in the administration of the Kingdom of God, they help disburse the Lord's wisdom to man, they carry God's instructions about the future to us, and they are even involved in natural disasters.

There is simply no limitation that can be placed on the Sovereignty of our God. It invades every part of our lives. And **Yahweh Sabaoth**, the Commander of all the angelic, engages His servants to fulfill all His plans. Simply said, we live in a spiritual reality where the Kingdom of God invades all aspects of our physical lives through the angelic. For example, in addressing His plans to destroy Assyria, the Lord announces:

¹² **2 Timothy 1:7**

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Isaiah 14:26-27

This is the plan devised against the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out against all the nations. "For **Yahweh** of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"

We must always remember that they are **all** ministering spirits, **all** of them, sent out by **Yahweh Sabaoth** to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation. Yes, God employs the hosts of heaven for His chosen ones. Some of these spirits appreciate it and take great joy in helping us, while others have little to no clue and do not understand that they are always—yes always—carrying out His purposes in our lives.

Talk about a boost to our ego; **Yahweh Sabaoth** does it all for us, and Satan and his demonic and wicked hoards are merely our servants. They have no choice in the matter. That is how important and precious we are to **Yahweh Mekoddishkem** who is always setting us apart for Himself and to **Yahweh Qanna** who burns with jealous desire to have all of us.

Yahweh loves His bride dearly; we must not forget it, especially when we encounter various trials and sufferings. All that He does, even though expressed through the angelic, is an expression of His great love for us. We can know this to be true and rejoice knowing that with each trial and suffering we are provided the opportunity to learn endurance and when endurance has its perfect result, we will be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.¹³

And all through this journey we have help, as all the hosts of heaven are engaged on the behalf of the beloved. Besides, it seems that the good angels outnumber the bad 3 to 1, so whether we realize it or not, perhaps we are being ministered to in a nice and tender way far more than we are being ministered to through affliction.¹⁴ The numbers are always comforting.

Yahweh Sabaoth! What a powerful name that is intended to drive out of us the fear of the

¹³ *James 1:4*

¹⁴ *Revelation 8:12, 12:4*

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enemy, the fear of darkness, the fear of fear, and to always be thankful and filled with praise knowing that **Yahweh Sabaoth** is the Commander of all of heaven's armies; therefore, they only do what He commands.

Praise **Yahweh!**