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"He therefore who bountifully supplies to you the Spirit . . . does He do it out of the works of the law or out of the hearing of faith?" Galatians 3:5

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And it shall be
THAT EVERYONE
WHO CALLS
ON THE NAME
OF THE LORD
SHALL BE SAVED.

ACTS 2:21

Dear Life-study Listener,

On October 5 about 2,100 believers gathered at London's famous Wembley Conference Center for the seventh *Life-study of the Bible* seminar in London. This seminar was different from others we have held in London in that it included several hundred believers from five other continents and more than fifty nations. During the previous week, these believers had gathered for an international conference of leaders from churches throughout the earth that are a fruit of the ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee.

The atmosphere, with all of the nationalities, languages, and cultures represented by the overseas guests together with the varied ethnic groups that characterize London's listener base, was remarkable. Every color, culture, and language group was present, yet the same Spirit and enjoyment of the resurrected Christ was the preeminent characteristic. It was truly a declaration to the heavens and the earth that the reality of the one new man spoken of in Ephesians 2:15 is not only possible but also present on earth today.

During the two-hour seminar, presentations were given on the focus and burden of Living Stream Ministry, the upcoming release of the Recovery Version of the entire Bible with footnotes, the history of the ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee, and the global scope of the fruit of the ministry of these two servants of the Lord. There was also a video of Witness Lee and fellowship on the life-studies of Kings and Daniel, similar to what is heard on our daily program.

Please continue to pray for the broadcast in the United Kingdom and especially for the upcoming month-long trial broadcast during December in Birmingham, England's second largest city.

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WHAT IS CALLING ON THE LORD? PART 1

Calling on the name of the Lord is a central and crucial practice in the Christian life. By calling on the Lord's name we are saved initially, and we receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:17, 21; Rom. 10:13). By

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calling we are also rescued from distress, trouble, sorrow, and pain (Psa. 18:6; 118:5; 50:15; 86:7; 81:7). By calling we can enjoy the riches of the Lord and His full salvation (Rom. 10:12-13; Psa. 116:13).

Although calling on the name of the Lord can be considered as praying, it is different from praying. Calling is to invoke the living person of the Lord Jesus in a simple, direct, genuine, and pure way. With prayer, it is possible to have a motive other than to simply contact the Lord Himself.

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However, when we call upon the name of the Lord, it is as when a child calls for his mother, desiring her presence. This kind of prayer by calling is not for the purpose of obtaining an answer but to have a direct contact with the Person of the Lord Himself. Second Corinthians 3:17 tells us that the Lord is the Spirit, and this resurrected Lord's name is Jesus. Because the Lord Jesus is a living Person, when we call on His name, saying, "Oh, Lord Jesus," or "Jesus is Lord," He responds, and we get the reality of His person, the Spirit. Moreover, while prayer may be silent, calling on the name of the Lord is something audible. When Saul of Tarsus went to Damascus to persecute the believers, he found them by hearing them call on the name of the Lord

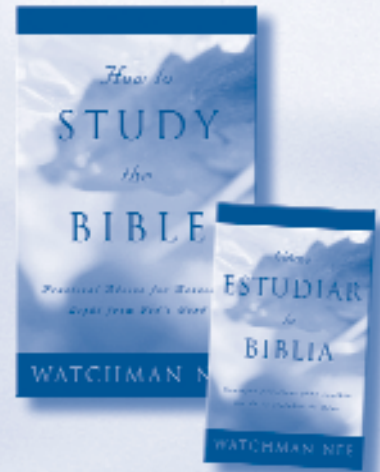
(Acts 9:14). As Stephen was being martyred, he loudly called upon the name of the Lord (Acts 7:59).

The Bible is replete with examples of ones who called on the name of the Lord. According to the Old Testament, men began to call on the Lord starting with Enosh showing that this practice existed with the third generation of mankind (Gen. 4:26). The Old Testament goes on to record how so many godly men called on the Lord. Abraham (Gen. 12:8); Isaac (Gen. 26:25); Moses (Deut. 4:7); Job (Job 12:4); Jabez (1 Chron. 4:10); Samson (Judg. 16:28); Samuel (1 Sam. 12:10); David (2 Sam. 22:4); Jonah (Jonah 1:6); Elijah (1 Kings 18:24); Elisha (2 Kings 5:11); and Jeremiah (Lam. 3:55) all continued this practice. In the New Testament, the believers were characterized as those who called on the name of the Lord (Acts 9:14). The apostle Paul, who began to call on the Lord Jesus at his conversion and baptism (Acts 22:8, 16), told us that as called ones, we call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place (1 Cor. 1:2).

The way to call on the Lord is to first open your heart to Him in a pure way (2 Tim. 2:22) and then to open your mouth and call on Him audibly (Psa. 81:10). Christians should not be silent, as those who worship dumb idols, but should worship God by calling on the name of Jesus (1 Cor. 12:2-3). As believers in Christ, we should call on the Lord daily (Psa. 88:9) and for as long as we live (Psa. 116:2). May we all be those who enjoy His riches by calling on Him!

For further reading on this subject, please see *Life-Study of Genesis*, message 25; *Calling on the Name of the Lord*; and footnote 1 of Acts 2:21 in the New Testament Recovery Version, published by Living Stream Ministry.

How to STUDY THE BIBLE



Many good books have been printed on how to study the Bible, but most pay attention only to methods of studying the Bible; in How to Study the Bible Watchman Nee pays attention to the person who studies the Bible. Even with the right methods, we can receive very little in our study of the Bible if our person is not proper before the Lord.

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