# NEW AGE Pt. 32: NAME IT and CLAIM IT, WORD of FAITH, PROSPERITY GOSPEL, JOEL OLSTEEN

In the past weeks I have been revealing how new age has made its way into the church. I've been hammering on Joel Olsteen for the past several weeks because he is one of the biggest most well known teachers of speaking affirmations - and making decrees. This is how to get Christians to chant, by repeating affirmations over and over aloud or silently throughout the day. He teaches new age boldly. The others follow him teaching the same stuff he does. He is one of the most prominent mega telewitches in America.

Another way new age is in the church is "name it and claim it." Name it and Claim it" is the same as speaking it into existence, which I talked about last week in part 31. All of this is the same as what new agers do when they meditate, chant, visualize and use vision boards trying to make things manifest which they call manifesting. Another name for "name it and claim" is the "Word of Faith Movement". All of this is part of the false Prosperity Gospel teaching. Any kind of teaching that tells you whatever you speak, or focus on or think is what will manifest is the same lie as all of these I've just mentioned. It is all based on greed and lies and comes from the occult and anything that manifests is being fulfilled by the kingdom of darkness through spiritual doors that have been opened by doing ungodly things. satan will come through for those that do these ungodly things, at least some of the time, to get them on the "hook" so they believe it really works.

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So the idea is that new agers will be answered by the universe and Christians will be answered by God. The reality is that new agers will be answered by the kingdom of darkness and so will any Christian who is practicing this. You cannot manipulate God. You cannot just start speaking what you want and believe God is going to move on your word and make it happen. He doesn't dance to the tune we play. He is Sovereign and if we remain faithful and live righteous lives, His plans are what will come to pass in our lives (Prov.19:21, James 4:13-16).

I'm about to read the definition of The Word of Faith movement and as I do, pay attention to how it is the exact same thing as "name it and claim it."

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After Jesus spoke with the rich young ruler He said the following:

Matt.19:23-24 – Then said Jesus unto His disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

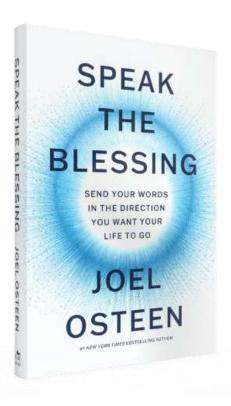
Jesus did not hold the view that those who are wealthy have God's favor on their lives but just the opposite. Those that are truly in Christ that have been given the spiritual gift of giving, have the ability to get wealth. The wealth they attain is for God's purposes, to further His Kingdom and not just so they can be rich and live lavish lifestyles.



Joel Olsteen is a prosperity gospel preacher. He also teaches "name it and claim it" and "word of faith". We've already seen that he teaches the new age "I am movement" which is straight out of the occult, in his ministry. All of the things I'm speaking on today are either part of the I am Movement or similar to it or intertwined with it. All of these false teachings have been reformulated for the church. satan's ministers dressed up the "I am" teaching and other new age teachings with Christian terms and they are boldly teaching new age right in the church.

\*Please play from 0 to :58 – Joel Olsteen about to preach. \*(about 1 min) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= kjSK-PcU9o&t=609s

He always opens with a joke or something funny. He is a people pleaser, not a God pleaser. He is always tickling the ears, dishing out candy and not meat. (2 Tim.4:3, 1 Cor.3:2)



Joel Olsteen wrote – Speak the Blessing – send your words in the direction you want your life to go. Looks like a big eye on the cover like the eye of lucifer which we learned in the freemasonry series that it stands for sodomy. lucifer is Joel's god – it could be a stylized sun in reference to the sun god he serves who is lucifer. These false teachers are teaching new age – you get what you think, speak, focus on and visualize. As I've been saying, you cannot manipulate God.

These new age ministers are teaching that the words you speak are powerful and that you have the power within yourself based on what you speak. This is a Biblical concept but they are teaching it in a perverted way, that's what satan and his ministers do, they pervert and twist God's Word. Speak it into existence, Name it and Claim it, Word of Faith – these are all new age teachings based on what you speak and believe.

**Proverbs 18:20-21** – A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

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Good things can come from what you speak, you can show love and encouragement and lift someone else up with your words, you can bring peace and comfort with your words. Or you can be mean and ugly and spew venom with your words and tear someone down with what you say. You will reap the consequences of what you speak. (James 3:5-10) You can sow good spiritual fruit by speaking God's Word or bad spiritual fruit by being mean and having ungodly speech that is hurtful. Whatever seeds you are sowing, they are spiritual and spiritual seeds do not die. You can sow to God's kingdom or to satan's – think about what you say and the consequences of it. Our words as Christians can be life giving or they can be destructive.

New agers and those in the occult know that their chanting, incantations, invocations & evocations are powerful. They believe what you SAY has power. When a magis (magical one) speaks — it is powerful. That is because through their rituals and worship the demons are responding to their mantras and chanting and vision boards and every other thing they are practicing. They get some payoff to keep them believing in a false system of worship, to keep them believing in false gods and ultimately to keep them away from Christ.

**Heb.4:12** – For the Word of God is quick (alive), and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

New age teaches that whatever you speak, your words have power and will manifest what you speak. This is an utter perversion of what God's Word has to say about what we speak.

Speaking God's Word is powerful. God follows His Word to accomplish it and He keeps His promises to His children and His Word will bring conviction on those that don't adhere to His Word. The best words we can speak and be sure they are not idle words are God's Word. God's Word is life giving.

Take authority! Speak life! Fill the atmosphere around you with the Word, with Worship, and with Praise. Plead the blood of Jesus over your life and your situation. Speak healing and deliverance. Call forth increase into your life. Do it now. Don't allow the enemy to run ramped over your life. He is the prince of the air, so take control of the atmosphere surrounding your life. Make sure that you do all that you can to surround yourself with the Word of God at all times. Keep yourself prayed up and let words of praise freely flow from your mouth. In Jesus Name

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This is new age laced with Biblical principles. So it's perverted and will get you in trouble spiritually. Speak life! The only way I can imagine this applies to a Christian at all is to speak God's Word and share the good news of what Christ has done for us because that is life giving, that is what will lead someone to eternal life. The consensus of "speak life" is rooted in new age, geared toward getting a Christian to start speaking out whatever they want in the guise of this is speaking life into their situation.

It's wonderful to read God's Word and to stand on His promises. We should be worshiping Him and praising Him every day. However, we are not accomplishing anything when we think we can manifest what WE want just by doing these

things. God knows our hearts. (1 Samuel 16:7, Prov.21:2, Jer.17:10) When we do this with wrong motives it is a sin against God. As Christians we should be doing these things in sincere worship from the heart to God or else we are doing them for the wrong reasons and spiritual doors to the demons will be opened. Those in Christ should stay covered in the blood of Jesus, His blood provides great protection for those that truly know Him. Speak healing and deliverance? I assume they mean to speak in faith, by Jesus' stripes I am healed from arthritis etc. That's fine, because you are standing on God's Word but always continue to lift it up in prayer to Him as you wait on Him. You don't speak deliverance. Deliverance is administered by a true minister of God and it is Jesus Who sets you free. (John 8:36) Also, a true Christian can practice self deliverance.

You don't call forth increase into your life. Where is that in Scripture? These are new age teachings in the church. If you believe you just go around speaking what you want and then tack some Scripture onto it or supposedly have faith in yourself believing it's going to happen – where is the praying that Jesus spoke of?

Matt.7:7-11 - Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil (sinful), know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?

One of the main ways we relate to God is in prayer, we talk to Him. If you go around making declarations and decrees, you are not interacting with Him at all. Jesus gives an example that even we as sinful people living on earth know how to give good things to our children so if we ask The Father, how much more will He give us good things. He knows what we need and He loves us and He is righteous. He wants us to come to Him and ask. We don't command, declare or decree – we ask.

Everything this person said is a dressed up christianeeze way of trying to manipulate God. If you are in need, you ask God for what you need. You don't

declare or decree it. When you do that, you have opened spiritual doors for demons to respond to your ungodly practices.

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This is new age dressed up as Christianity. The way to speak in faith and stand on God's Word is: No weapon formed against a child of God shall prosper. You cannot just decree that over people who don't even know Him. This is utter nonsense saying "I cancel every assignment of the enemy that seeks to destroy them." You cannot do that, in order to close spiritual doors that have been opened to the enemy, the person who did the sin has to be saved, and repent and then they close the door. You can plead the blood of Jesus over your children and lift them up to God in prayer. Nowhere in Scripture do we see making declarations and decrees about being successful and prosperous and having favor in abundance. We ask God for what we need and want. Then this person doing the false teaching just states that IT IS DONE in Jesus' name. This is wrong on so many levels. Then they put it out as a challenge and state that the prayers of the righteous availeth much. (James 5:16) This is not a righteous person speaking this

new age – occult teaching. Be careful with what you see on social media and test the spirits and take it to God's Word to see if it is right.

For those in the church practicing these new age teachings: Prosperity gospel, Word of Faith, Name it and Claim It, The I Am Movement etc. Where you are focused on what you say and what you think and you are making decrees and declarations – even filling the atmosphere with God's Word, worship and praise this next Scripture applies to you:

**Matt.15:8-9** – (This is Jesus speaking) This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoureth Me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from Me. But in vain they do worship Me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

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When christians fall for the perverted new age teachings that are now in the church, their hearts are far from God. God even says their worship is a joke because it is not sincere. They are practicing mans teachings and not anything godly. They are focused on getting what they want and not having a real relationship with Him. Their motives are not in line with God's Word or His will. You cannot fool God, He knows when all you are doing is trying to work Him to see what you can get from Him. These new age teachings are about greed and lust and selfish desires and causing a person to believe they are god, they have the power to make it happen without God.

#### **CLOSING**

I'm going to go back to the passage about the five fold ministry that I spoke of last week and pick up there with the next four verses of scripture:

**Eph.4:13 – 16 -** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

My job as a pastor and teacher and evangelist is to keep teaching you all and helping you to grow in the faith, to discern the evil works of darkness and avoid those things and mature and come to the fullness of Christ, to be more and more like Him, to love what He loves and hate what He hates and avoid evil at all costs. (Prov.8:13, 1 Thess.5:22)

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This is what satan's false ministers are doing. He has plenty of ministers right in the church like Joel Olsteen. Joel's teachings are those that are so clever they sound like the truth until God opens your spiritual eyes and ears to see him and his teachings for what they really are. Joel pumps people up on lies and makes them believe they have the power to do what only God can do. It's all a lie and opening spiritual doors to the kingdom of darkness for demons to come in and influence the person further and further away from Christ. Jesus does not want

His body to be deceived with these false teachings that are now right in the churches.

## **PRAYER**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Creative visualization

Pastor Joel Osteen's Full Sermon "The Power of 'I Am'" | Oprah's Life Class | Oprah Winfrey Network

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