

A GOOD NAME
IS BETTER THAN
PRECIOUS OINTMENT

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Discovering **HIDDEN TREASURE**

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1. Think about the **PHYSICAL** :

What is the main Physical thought about ?

Think about the **SPIRITUAL** :

What is the main Spiritual thought about ?

2. Locate **KEY WORDS**
in the verse
(usually nouns or “real things”)

3. Discover their
SPIRITUAL MEANING
(by using the Bible Word Pictures
or a Concordance and Bible)

4. RE-WRITE THE VERSE : Substitute the Spiritual Meaning of the Key Word back into the Bible verse and RE-WRITE it to discover what God is saying to us Spiritually !

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- 2 Does the Bible verse really mean that a “good **name**” is **better** than “precious ointment”, or is it simply making a **comparison** so that we will see the **value** ?
- 3 How can it be **better** to “**die**” than to be “**born**” ?
- 4 Is the verse speaking of Physical “**death**” or Spiritual “**death**” ?
- 5 Is the verse speaking of Physical “**birth**” or Spiritual “**birth**” ?

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*A person's Spiritual “**name**” represents his **character**.*

Exodus 34 : 5 And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the **name** of the Lord. **6** And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and **gracious**, **longsuffering**, and abundant in **goodness** and **truth**.

- 2 Does the Bible verse really mean that a “good **name**” is **better** than “precious ointment”, or is it simply making a **comparison** so that we will see the **value** ?

*It is making a **comparison**.*

Song of Solomon 1 : 3 Because of the **savour** of thy good ointments thy **name** is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

- 3 How can it be **better** to “**die**” than to be “**born**” ?

*It cannot mean Physical “**death**” but rather Spiritual “**death**”, or “**dying to sin**” or becoming “**converted**”.*

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***Spiritual** “**death**”.*

- 5 Is the verse speaking of Physical “**birth**” or Spiritual “**birth**” ?

If a contrast is meant, then it is better to Spiritually “**die** to sin”, than to be Physically “**born**” into the world. If a comparison is meant, then the day of **Spiritual death** (dying to sin or CONVERSION) is like being **Spiritually** “**born**” again.

Ecclesiastes 7 :

A **GOOD name** (*CHARACTER*) is better than precious ointment (*PERFUME - RIGHTEOUSNESS, OIL - HOLY SPIRIT*) and the day of death (*SPIRITUAL DEATH - CONVERSION*) than the day of one's birth. (*PHYSICAL BIRTH - SPIRITUAL BIRTH*).

2. Locate KEY WORDS

in the verse
(usually nouns or "real things")

name

ointment (precious)

day of death

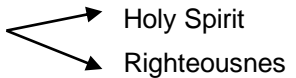
day of birth

day of Spiritual birth

3. Discover their **SPIRITUAL MEANING**

(by using the Concordance and Bible Word Pictures)

Character (Ex 34 : 5-7)

Spiritual 

Literally : Perfume # 8081

Spiritual death = conversion
(die to sin)

Physical birth

Spiritual birth = conversion
(new man - new birth)

4. RE-WRITE THE VERSE : Substitute the Spiritual Meaning of the Key Word back into the Bible verse and RE-WRITE it to discover what God is saying to us Spiritually !

PARAPHRASE

① A good character (Spiritual **name**) is better than Physically smelling good (Physical **OINTMENT**) ; and the day of our conversion (Spiritual **DEATH** to sin), is better than the day we were Physically **born**.

② A good character (Spiritual **name**) is like a person filled with the **Holy Spirit** (PRECIOUS OINTMENT or OIL) who seeks to do **Righteousness** (PRECIOUS OINTMENT), and the day they were **converted** or "died to sin" (Spiritual **death**) was the day they experienced the "**new birth**" (Spiritual **birth**) and began a new RIGHTEOUS life.

Other Bible Study Helps:

You will want to order “*How to Study and Understand Your Bible*” (104) for yourself or for friends or relatives. This book will simplify your study of the Bible using word pictures of real objects to explain the Spiritual meaning of Bible texts. (See *Bible Word Pictures* reference booklet described below.) “*How to Study...*” is also available in Spanish: *Cómo Estudiar y Entender Su Biblia* (204).

Along with the “*How to Study and Understand Your Bible*” book, you will need to also order the *Bible Word Pictures* reference booklet (106). This booklet contains 240 Bible Word Pictures which can be used to study the **Spiritual** meaning of any Bible text. The **Pictures** and corresponding **Bible texts** identify the **Spiritual** meaning of objects and make it easy to visualize and remember them. The *Bible Word Pictures* will allow you to discover the “**hidden treasure**” of the Bible. Also available in Spanish: *Ilustraciones de la Biblia* (206).

You can start a Bible Study Group using the “*How to Study...*” book (104) or the pamphlet lessons (105), along with the *Bible Word Pictures* ref. booklet (106).

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