

Luke 11:14-28, 33-36

- **Our inclination to underestimate the power of God’s name overstates the illusion of power that the Devil claims in his own.**
  - For the Jews, YHWH (Yahweh), the name of God was too sacred to be spoken and is/was thus read as Adonai.
  - The followers of Jesus spoke of and with Him intimately by His proper name, and also with titles such as ‘Teacher’ or ‘Lord’.
  - Those who have had a heavenly presence, including those angels who have fallen with Satan, called Jesus ‘Holy One’ and ‘Son of God’.
- **The ground for authority are always called into question!!**
  - Luke 11 and Acts 4
- **We NEED to speak, call upon, and stand firm against every scheme of Satan in the power of God’s name!**
  - We do so, as Luther says, by “fearing **AND** loving God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie or deceive by His name, but call upon it in **EVERY** trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.”  
(“Explanation of the Second Commandment” from *Luther’s Small Catechism*)
  - Deliverance ministry and exorcising demons requires a bold understanding/knowledge of your enemy.
    - *Authority = Power*
    - *The devil’s perceived power is limited to creation...  
...God’s power in Christ brings about His Kingdom on earth.*
  - There is power in the name...  
...because we fear and love God.
    - *This is one reason why He gives us His name in Holy Baptism!*
- **The name we bear in Christ is greater!!**

