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God Is.... (Part III)

JEHOVAH ADONAI – Adonai is more than a name, Adonai speaks of relationship, God's total possession and of our total submission. He is Lord, Master, Owner of all. **Adon** (singular form). Means **master, lord**. Adon can refer to men (most uses) or God. Adonai only refers to God. **Jesus is Lord!** Believers are not their own! (**TITUS 2:14**) **Is He your Lord? Is He the One to whom you give your highest allegiance? Is He the One who directs your life?** The name Adonai challenges ~~the~~ every person who calls God "Lord" to be willing to live in a way that demonstrates His Lordship! In other words, the declaration "He is Lord" must **not be** with our lips **only** but also with our **life!** A dangerous deception is to call Him "**Lord, Lord**" but then ~~to~~ refuse to submit to **Him** in loving obedience. It is not enough to give lip service to Christ as **Adonai**. Faith without works is dead faith, whereas faith that is genuine results in obedience.

Here are some verses about what the Bible says about the extent of Adonai's Ownership and Rule?

Deuteronomy 9:26 - over Israel & Egypt

Psalms 2:1, 2, 3, 4 - over nations, kings and rulers of the earth

Psalms 8:1,6, 7, 8 - over the earth, man, all creatures

Psalms 37:12, 13 - over the wicked & righteous

Psalms 97:5 - over the mountains

Psalms 114:7 - over the earth

Psalms 135:5 - over all gods

Malachi 1:6 - A son honors his father, and a servant his **master (adon)**. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a **master (adon)**, where is My respect?' says the **LORD of hosts** to you, O priests who despise My name (by offering defiled food at His altar **Mal 1:7**). But you say, 'How have we despised Thy name?' (Note how chapter ends "I am a great King..." **Mal 1:14**)!

Even as a son honors his father and a servant his master, **Adonai** has the right to expect respect & obedience. The priests brought reproach upon His name by failing to acknowledge His ownership of all that exists. **In Short... ADONAI IS OWNER OF ALL THAT EXISTS!**

He is Lord - Many are ready to acknowledge God as Elohim, but have a hard time truly given themselves to Him as Adonai. Remembering that Christ is Adonai, calling Him Adonai requires that we give up our self-sufficiency and personal control and give Him complete reign over our lives. Yet, it is only when we know Christ as Adonai that **we** experience His full sufficiency and power for **our my** life. Jesus stated this truth in **Jn 8:31, 32**. Paul articulated the difference knowing God as Adonai **makes** in **Ro 6:16, 17-note, Ro 6:18-note**. Commitment and unconditional submission to the will of God ought to be the norm for every one of His children. Paul was able to say, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (**Php 1:21-note**). Do not write off those who live in this way as the fanatics, the super saints, the ones whose duty it is to live that life because they are called to full-time service of some sort. It is the relationship we all have to God as Adonai! How will you bend your knee – and your will – to Adonai today?

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALMS 16:2

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Fear not tomorrow, God is already there .

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