



Lesson #2: Adonai

Giving God the proper place in our hearts and lives means that we take the time and make the effort to connect with Him. Of course, the key to giving God His place in our lives is knowing who He is and what He is like and that is why the names of God are so important! God can be known by His names! His names are self-_____. That means God's names reveals His nature and His character. And His names are also self-_____. That is, God's names were given to Him by Himself.

This morning we are going to study the name "Adonai." The name "Adonai" simply means "_____ and _____ of all." It is used _____ times in the Old Testament. In our English Bible's it often shows up as "Lord."

As we study the name "Adonai" we learn that since God is our "Lord and Master" we don't live for _____. Often we live as though life is all about us but because God is Adonai, He must be treated as _____.

ADONAI MUST BE TREATED AS THE _____ AND _____

A. He is sovereign over your _____

Genesis 15:2 is the first mention of the name "Adonai" for God in the Bible. Things had not been going the way Abraham had expected they would go. He had obeyed God in Genesis 12 and left his country but we still waiting on that whole "great nation" thing to have a chance (Gen. 12:2). Abraham is _____ God. God had promised him a son but all he had was a servant. In order to expand Abraham's view of Adonai, God takes him outside in verse 5 and says that Abraham's seed will be as the stars in the sky.

B. He is sovereign over your _____

When God denied David the privilege of building a Temple it was hard to accept. The Lord instead, gave David the task of preparing the materials for his son Solomon, who would build it. God then promised to establish David's throne forever. Humbled by all of this David responds in 2 Samuel 7:18-20 and _____ times he brings up the name "Adonai." David recognized and reminded himself that God was the orchestrator of his promotion. In fact, one of the most _____ names used by David for God is the name "Adonai" (e.g. Psalm 141:8; 109:21; 114:7).

ADONAI MUST BE TREATED WITH _____

A. True humility doesn't come with _____

Moses came face to face with Adonai when God appeared to him in the burning bush. God gave him an _____ but Moses didn't think he could do it (Exodus 4:10). Moses made excuses for not doing what God asked.

B. True humility comes with _____ to serve

Contrast the response of the Prophet _____ to that of Moses. When Isaiah heard the voice of Adonai his response was filled with _____ (Isaiah 6:8). This should be the response of all of God's people! One professor that teaches advertising said, "It's human nature to talk about things that _____ us." When we clearly see God, we should naturally want to tell others.

ADONAI MUST BE TREATED WITH _____

The name "Adonai" drives home the point that God deserves our respect.

A. Honor Him by giving Him your _____

In Malachi 1:6, God asks a question that we need to ask ourselves.

"A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father where is mine _____? And if I be a master [ADONAI] where is my _____?"

The sin being committed in Malachi's day was not a lack of service it was the _____ of the service.

B. Honor Him by giving Him your _____

In Daniel 9, we come to a chapter of contrite confession where Daniel addresses Adonai _____ times in seventeen verses. He owns up the fact that he and his people have not been serving the Sovereign Lord and instead have been selfishly serving their own interests (Daniel 9:19). The truth that was being driven home then that needs to be driven home now can be summarized this way: "It's not about _____. It's all about _____!"

Concluding Thoughts

The meaning of Adonai as Sovereign Lord is carried over into the NT and it is used of Jesus with the Greek word *κυριος* (koo'-ree-os) no less than _____x. The idea of Jesus as *κυριος* is vitally important. In the book of Acts, Jesus is referred to as "Lord" (*κυριος*) _____x, while He is called "Savior" just _____. I'm afraid that the church today has overemphasized Jesus' role as _____ at the expense of His _____. One author put it this way, "Jesus is Lord of all, and the biblical mandate for both sinners and saints is not to 'make' Christ Lord, but rather to bow to His lordship."

You see, God's name "Adonai" demands something of us. And so I want you to ask yourself: "Is _____ my _____?" I didn't ask if He was your Savior I asked if He was your Lord? You see, we tend to live as if it's all about us but because God is Adonai it really is all about Him!