



From Where I Sit . . .

“Jesus Is Lord”

When Queen Victoria (Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from 1837-1901) had just ascended her throne she went, as is the custom of Royalty, to hear the performance of Handel’s 18th Century “The Messiah.” She had been instructed as to her proper conduct by those who knew the tradition of Kings and Queens before her. She was not to rise when the others stood at the singing of the “Hallelujah Chorus.” However, when that magnificent chorus was being sung and the singers were proclaiming “*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth...*” she seemed as if she would rise in spite of those customs, and when the chorus came to the climactic proclamation of “*King of kings, and Lord of lords*” suddenly the young queen rose and stood with bowed head, as if she would take her own crown from off her head and cast it at His feet!

The majesty of the Lord God Omnipotent *and the one He has hailed as* the King of kings – Lord of lords should draw each of us to our feet, and humble us before His most holy presence. A study of the “lordship” of Christ is a most beneficial exercise. It not only helps us to focus on Jesus’ rightful place of authority and oneness with God, but it helps me to have the right relation with Him -- He is “My Lord.” It also it helps us to see a very tender and loving side to his personality.

One cannot read **John Chapter 11** without feeling the warmth that Mary and Martha felt for this man they lovingly referred to as “Lord.” Another example of this warm and intimate descriptive term is in **John 21:7** “*Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.*”

His name is Jesus, yet with great tenderness of feeling, his disciples called him “Lord,” “it is the Lord.” This descriptive term came to be their most often used phrase to each other for Jesus, and to let others know of whom they were speaking. We show that same tenderness when we sing: “Jesus Is Lord,” “Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?”

The Apostle Paul writes in **Colossians 2:6-7** – “*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*” Paul’s description carries with it the significance of his saying “The Anointed One whose name is Jesus, who is Lord.”

We often hear individuals ask, “Do you know Jesus as Lord?” “Is Jesus Lord of your life?” These are good questions, and ones we must focus on as we consider Christ and our relationship to Him. Basically, anyone or anything can become the “lord” of our lives when we submit to that one or thing so that it becomes our number one focus in life, and that which we wholly serve. Since one can call anyone “lord” and since we can allow many things to become “lord” of our lives, we must first define exactly what we mean by proclaiming that “**Jesus Is Lord.**”

Throughout the Hebrew Bible, one very special word that was rendered in our English Bible as “Lord” is the word of which we must supply the vowels to get an English sound: “**Jehovah.**” The Hebrew text uses the consonants **JHWH (Jahweh, Yahweh, Yehovah, Jehovah)** meaning the self-existent one for the name that God gave Himself: **Exodus 6:3** “*And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.*” Another Old Testament Hebrew word used to describe God is **Adonay** and rendered “Lord” meaning “**Lord over all**” just as **JHWH** is rendered “Lord.”

JESUS IS PORTRAYED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AS “LORD” EVEN AS JEHOVAH IS. This title was given to Him at His birth, **Luke 2:11** “*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*” It’s a title He shares with the Father who throughout the Old and New Testament is described as “Lord.” The “lordship” of God the Father and His Son is a matter of great importance for us to recognize. In fact John in **Revelation 17:14** elevates Jesus eternally in our minds as “**Lord of lords, and King of kings**” – “*These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*”

(More Next Week).

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