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Hallowed Be Your Name #5 "Adonai" (Lord)

Text: Acts 2:36,38; Genesis 15; Isaiah Chapter 6

Baptism is a public proclamation. Our lives should be a public proclamation of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Ref: Acts 2:38, 36 My opinion: We should not be baptizing anybody until they thoroughly understand Jesus is Lord.

You find the name Adonai in the Old Testament every time you find the name Lord, with a capital L, and small letter ord. That is the Hebrew word Adonai.

#1 It is as Adonai, we recognize God as our Master. This particular name of God implies a r_____.

Adonai says that if He is Lord, He must be Lord over you. Lord with you. He's got a personal relationship with you that involves the right of ownership.

The word Adonai indicates God's total possession of me, and my total submission to Him, as a slave to the Master.

In the Hebrew culture, to be a slave was a better life, than to be a hired servant. Ref: Psalm 123:2

God is the ideal Master according to the Scriptures; He is the ideal authority figure, If Adonai means we can expect care from God, It also means God can expect unquestioning obedience and loyalty from all of us.

#2 It is in Adonai that we d_____ our distinctness from the world.

Everyone wants God as Savior. But not as many people seem to want God as their Lord.

The Church is the Church because it acknowledges that relationship with God. The world is the world because in practice it denies that relationship.

In practice, the world says: We believe in God, but to let God be Lord is a totally different matter. Ref: Luke 6:46

The Kingdom of God is not a democracy. It is not ruled by referendum or popular vote. If God is God, He must be Adonai.

If He is Lord, the very first question is---What shall I do Lord? When we truly call Him Lord, all other loyalties become subordinate.

Faith is a struggle, because it isn't based on human reasons, it is based on the fact that God is God.

If He is Adonai? Then you trust even when the promise is d_____.

So the question we have to ask and answer is: Is He going to be Lord, even when you don't get what you want, when you want it.

If He is Adonai, then you are going to trust, even if the promise is delayed. Ref: Psalm 38: 9, 15; Deuteronomy 10:17

If He is not your Adonai this morning I have a couple of suggestions for you.

#1 Give up the illusion of c_____.

We are hesitant to release control of our lives. And I think one reason for that is many of us have had very sad tragic experiences with abuse or neglect in our past.

Let's give up this nonsense that we are in total control of our lives. If the God you worship isn't sovereign, then you worship an idol. Idols can be controlled, Adonai cannot.

Let me define spiritual maturity. Spiritual maturity involves realizing how inadequate we are to control our lives, and surrendering our control to God who is the only good Master, who will provide for us.

#2 You can control your c_____ of Master's.

The Bible says you will never be freer than when you surrender to Adonai. Ref: Romans 6:16