

(3) Speaking the Names of God

“Adonay”

Lord & Master

- In Jewish thought, a name had much more significance than just what was trending at the time, or how pleasant it sounded, or even who or what one was named after. A name actually was understood more deeply to convey the **nature and essence** of the one who was given the name...
- I’ve noticed over the years, however, that the perspectives of God’s **nature and essence** are changing. People who believe in “God” are assigning characteristics or qualities to Him that are more culturally acceptable, or preferable.
- Fewer and fewer people (**including those who identify as Christians**) believe or approve of all the facets of God’s nature and essence as described in the biblical account.
 - Moral Issues around Sexuality or Sexual Activity
 - Punishment in regard to “Sin” as a legitimate reality

Romans 1:21-23

...And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people...

- **Culture has influenced so many people to have either:**
 1. **Fashioned God according to their own desires; or**
 2. **Put Him on trial and diminished His relevance and authority...**

2 Timothy 4:3-4

A time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever...they want to hear. ⁴ They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

- Brittney and I have been studying with some extraordinary humble new converts in their 20’s – they’re tired of the soft message of:
 - “Whatever you want is ok and good”
 - “No one has the right to tell you that you’re wrong”
 - “You make your own truth”
 - “You create your own destiny...”

(4:1-2,5)

I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: ² **Preach** the word of God. Be prepared, **whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching...**

⁵ But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. **Don’t be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.**

Adonay: God is Lord and Master

- As I continue to search out and meditate on many of the names of God, I realize that many of them we are familiar and comfortable with in regard to how we as Christians think, relate, or reach out to Him...
 - Yahweh Yireh: God is a **Provider**
 - Yahweh Rophe: God is a **Healer**
 - Yahweh Shalom: God gives **Peace**
 - Yahweh Roi: God **Guides**
 - Migdal Oz: God **Protects**
 - El Roi: God **Cares**

Yes, God is Our Savior...
But, He is Also
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Reverence

- **Reverence** is honor and respect that is deeply felt and demonstrated outwardly.

Numbers 20:6

Moses and Aaron came in from the presence of the assembly to the doorway of the tent of meeting **and fell on their faces...** then the glory of the Lord appeared to them

1 Chronicles 21:16

David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the Lord...**and he and the elders...fell on their faces.**

- Modern Christianity has adapted a **casual nonchalance** in approaching God:
 - “The Big Guy in the Sky”
 - “The Man Upstairs”
 - “Oh my God!”
 - This grossly downplays the holiness and power of **Adonay!**

Luke 23:39-42

One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “**Do you not even fear God**, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed *are suffering* justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he was saying, “**Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!**”

Unquestionable Obedience

Luke 6:46 **“Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”**

- That is a very legitimate question...

James 1:21-25

Put aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. ²² But **prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.** ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵ But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, **and abides by it**, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be **blessed in whatever he does.**