

August 3rd 2008: Names of God: Adonai: Daniel 9:1-19

Elohim...Yaweh...El Shaddai.....the Names... that we have looked at
Each name telling of more about God's character....**What He is like**

- **The Name** we are looking at today→Adonai....**Tells** us about His position...
Who He is.....esp in regard to humanity

For the name Adonai means Lord in the sense of Master:

As a name for God it is used some 300 times in the OT...almost always in plural
It is used 215 ...men.....and translated mainly as master....also sir...lord....owner
Always in the Singular

- **When I talked about Yaweh.....**I mentioned.....in our Bibles as LORD
This name Adonai...when used for God.....is always written as Lord—(begins L)
When it is linked with Elohim(God)....(Dan 9:3)Sovereign Lord

- **In our Bible reading...from Daniel 9:1-19.....**

we are given an example of Daniel using different names for God...incl Adonai

And when he uses Adonai.....He is presenting God as the Master
 who they as a people had mistreated.....

but before Whom....they now come to confess....seek His mercy

1 In the first year of Darius son of Ahasuerus (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom- 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

- **The context of this passage.....**Daniel and God's people are still in exile
 Sent there 70 years before because of their sin.....in patricidolatry

But Daniel...through his reading of the prophet Jeremiah.....**has** come to realize
that Yaweh.....the Name for God that stressed His love for them as His people
Had made a promise some 70 years before

A promise that proclaimed...that tho they had broken...He would never forsake
 and after 70 years...lead them out of captivity to freedom

So here we have Daniel letting us know...how He had come to understand
 what this word of Jaweh meantright then...to the Jewish Nation

- **Then Daniel tells us in v3** what he did as a result of such understanding:-

3 So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed:

He turned to Adonai Elohim.....to the Sovereign God

And then he tells us....**He prayed to Yaweh**.....To the Personal God who loved

And what follows is a confession....by Daniel on behalf...

Of how God's people....had not lived up to their part of the covenant

Had not treated Him as their Lord.....their Adonai.....Their Master

- **So from this point on Daniel mainly uses Adonai....as God's title**

And if we read Master instead of Lord.....it begins to make a lot of sense:

"O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, 5 we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. 6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

Then he comes to v17-19

17 "Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. 18 Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. 19 O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."

Daniel clearly understood.....that the reason this disaster had fallen on Israel

The reason that they had suffered.....as prisoners of war.....in another land for 70

Was because they had failed to treat their Lord...their Adonai...as Master...Owner

- **It's a failure that is too often repeated**.....in churches...in believers today

For the name Adonai or Master.....belongs to God in an even greater way

since He came to earth to be our Saviour

- **Think back to the resurrection**.....To Thomas who doubted

To what He said when He finally saw that Jesus....the scars of His terrible death.

was indeed resurrected**My Lord and my God**

- **Thomas went on to give his life in ministry for Jesus....**
What less could he do.....for the one who died for Him??

- **Saul travelling on the road to Damascus.....intend on destroying those..**
Fell to the ground and exp the risen Christ.....**Who are you, Lord ?**

Later on ...writing to Timothy he said in 1 Tim 1:12

12I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. 13Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man,

- **We talk very easy about Jesus as lord.....But is He truly Lord**
In the sense of Master of our lives

In the Gospels we read about two different occasions ...involving basins of water

- **At the last supper.....Jesus.....showed us what it means to serve >>>**

Before the crucifixion.....Pilate showed something very diff.....called for a basin

- **When Jesus is our master.....we involve ourselves in His business**
We don't wash our hands ...and walk away....perhaps allowing Christ re-crucified

Instead we put Him first.....We priotize His plan for our lives
Because He is our Master.....It is to Him we belong

James L Kraft, the founder of Kraft Foods, said that as a young man he had the desire to be the most famous manufacturer and salesman of cheese.....(p 332 Illustrations for Biblical Preaching. Ed Michael P Green)

If we believe that Jesus died for us.....and we have chosen to follow Him
Then He is our Adonai....our Master.....and we should constantly asking Him
What is it you want of me.....How can I be your servant.

Don Mc Culloch writes in Waking from the American Dream: (750 Engaging Illustrations . Craig Brian Larson p665).....

Will you this week.....seek on this earth....**to keep** your face to the coal
To do whatever He has planned for you to do.....
Simply because He is your Adonai.....Your lord.....Your Master.

