

Week #5 – Adonai

Adonai is the plural form of Adon and means “Lord Lord, Master, or Owner.” Because the Tetragrammaton (YHWH) was considered too sacred for Jews to utter, the name Adonai was often used as a substitute.

Genesis 15:2 (NCV) – ... *“Lord God, what can you give me? I have no son, so my slave Eliezer from Damascus will get everything I own after I die.”*

- It takes humility to recognize God as Lord, Master, and Owner.
- **QUOTE:** *We live in such a self-reliant, self-help, self-made culture, that it takes a mental shift to embrace God as LORD.*
- Adonai is used over 400 times in the Old Testament, almost always by God’s people referring to Him.
- *God becomes ADONAI in our lives based on how we respond back to Him.*

When We Embrace Him as ADONAI:

1. It reminds us who is the Potter and who is the Clay

- **Jeremiah 18:1 – 6 (GNT)** *The Lord said to me, ² “Go down to the potter's house, where I will give you my message.” ³ So I went there and saw the potter working at his wheel. ⁴ Whenever a piece of pottery turned out imperfect, he would take the clay and make it into something else. ⁵ Then the Lord said to me, ⁶ “Don't I have the right to do with you people of Israel what the potter did with the clay? YOU ARE IN MY HANDS JUST LIKE CLAY IN THE POTTER'S HANDS.*
- **QUOTE:** *The great confusion of Christianity is that many people pray a prayer, but not all those people open their heart to allow Jesus to be Lord.*
- The confession is enough when the heart is truly connected!!
- **Luke 6:46 (NIV)** – *Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?*
- **Luke 6:46 (MSG)** – *Why are you so polite with me, always saying ‘Yes, sir,’ and ‘That’s right, sir,’ but never doing a thing I tell you?*
- Acknowledging God as Lord means acknowledging that He has a right to command and be obeyed.
- **I Corinthians 6:19, 20 (AMP)** – *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is within you, whom you have [received as a gift] from God, and that **YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN [PROPERTY]**? ²⁰ You were bought with a price [you were actually purchased with the precious blood of Jesus and made His own]. So then, honor and glorify God with your body.*

2. It reminds us that we’re not responsible for our future

- One of the traits of a master in the Old Testament is that masters had a responsibility to protect, provide for, and promote their servants to earned positions of authority.
- **QUOTE:** *The net result of surrendering responsibility for our future to Adonai is that we enter into REST.*
- **Matthew 11:29, 30 (NIV)** – *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find REST for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*
- **Hebrews 4:9, 10 (NLT)** – *So there is a special REST still waiting for the people of God. ¹⁰ For all who have entered into God’s REST have rested from their labors, just as God did after creating the world.*

3. It reminds us that Christ must be the center of our lives

- **John 15:5 (AMP)** – *I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him bears much fruit, for [otherwise] apart from Me [that is, cut off from VITAL UNION with Me] YOU CAN DO NOTHING.*
- When we allow Him to be ADONAI in our lives, it allows us to bow our hearts even when we don't fully understand His direction.
- Adonai translated into Greek is KURIOS.
- *Kurios – Lord, Master; He to whom a person or thing belongs; the owner; one who has control and power of deciding over another.*

- **Matthew 26:20 – 25 (NKJV)** *When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. 21 Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." 22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" 23 He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. 24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." 25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."*