



ADONAI

More Than Just A Name

- *Adonai* is from the Hebrew word *Adon*, meaning “lord” or “master” and is used over 350 times in the Old Testament. The root concept is “to judge” or “to rule,” conveying the idea of a ruler, a master. To call one “Lord” meant that the caller was to submit and be obedient.
- *Adonai* is a plural form and always refers to God. Using the name *Adonai* implies a relationship between master and slave.

Genesis 15:2 NIV *But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"*

2 Samuel 7:18-20 NIV *Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said: "Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant--and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human! "What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign LORD.*

- *Adonai* translated into the Greek is *Kurios*

John 13:13 NIV *"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.*

Psalms 68:19 NIV *Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.*

Philippians 4:19 NIV *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*

1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

Philippians 4:13 NIV *I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

Isaiah 6:1 NIV *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.*

Isaiah 6:8 NIV *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

Matthew 7:21-23 NIV *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'*

Isaiah 29:13 NIV *The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.*

Truly worshipping God as *Adonai* requires that we give him our heart

O Jesus Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee; For thou, in Thy atonement, Didst give Thyself for me. I own no other Master. My heart shall be Thy throne. My life I give hence-forth to live, O Christ for Thee alone.

**Have you given Adonai your possessions,
yourself, your heart?**