

ADONAI, KURIOS, LORD,
SOVEREIGN, LORD OF LORDS

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Now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong. ¹⁶ O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our fathers have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.

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.”



Ephesians 5:8-10

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the **Lord**. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the **Lord**.

Luke 6:46

“Why do you call me, ‘**Lord, Lord,**’ and do not do what I say?”



*The Meaning of the Name:
“Lord” means owner, ruler,
master, the one to whom we
must obey and to whom we
must give an account. In the
Christian faith Lordship
includes the concept of
spiritual transformation.*

Adonai

- First appears Genesis 15:2, “O Sovereign LORD” (NIV), *Adonai Yahweh*, in Hebrew.
- *Adonai*, used for God appears over 300 times in the Old Testament.
- Like *Elohim* it is plural in form, but uses singular verbs, emphasizing the majesty of God.
- *Kurios*, “Lord” in Greek, appears more than 600 times in the New Testament

Lordship is of the heart

- Lordship means that we surrender to Him.
- Familiarity breeds contempt
- “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21).
- Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent” (John 6:29).
- “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” Luke 6:46

1. *Lordship means ownership,* *Daniel 9:15-16*

- God's ownership of Israel in the past had resulted in their deliverance from Egyptian bondage.
- God had made a name for Himself by His love and deliverance of His people.
- Daniel wept because the people of God had rejected His Lordship.
- They had become more impressed with themselves than with God.

The real questions

- Do we think that we are doing God a favor by being Christians?
- Do we think we can purchase His love by our obedience?
- Do we think He will do something for us if we fast or give up something for Lent , or give money to the church?
- Or do we see ourselves as helpless sinners, enslaved to sin's pattern, redeemed from sin, purchased by His blood, and brought into His family?



2. *Lordship means an intentional transfer of ownership of our lives to Him, Daniel 9:17*

- Daniel wept at the desolation of the sanctuary – at the wasted resources of God
- Stewardship begins with the recognition of the ownership of God of all that we have.
- Stewardship means to trust God's management of His resources – and we are His resource.



The more pagan the world became, the more Lordship was emphasized in the Bible.

- Daniel lived in Babylon with its many gods.
- The word “Lord” was often used in New Testament letters to churches that existed in polytheistic cities.
- The New Testament letters with the most uses of the word “Lord” are Romans (39), 1 Corinthians (70), 2 Corinthians (30), and Ephesians (25).



Babylon

- The goddess Ishtar was a goddess of fertility and sex
 - It was expected of women in ancient Babylon to offer their bodies to someone at least one time in worship of Ishtar.
 - Her image led the way of the armies in battle.
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Rome

- Its citizens came from across the empire and worshipped many 'lords'
 - "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" Romans 5:1
 - "I want you to be wise about what is good and innocent about what is evil" Romans 16:19
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Corinth

- Shrines to Apollo, Hermes, Heracles, Athena, and Poseidon, and Asclepius, the god of healing, and his daughter Hygieia.
- The cult of Aphrodite as the largest and temple prostitution was common.
- “The body was not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord and the Lord for the body” 1 Cor 6:13

Ephesus

- Temple to Artemis
- One of the “Seven Wonders of the Ancient World”
- Girls would sell their virginity at the temple, and the money would go to the cult of Artemis
- “Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness” Ephesians 5:11

3. *Lordship means transformation, Daniel 9:18-19*

- “Your city and your people bear Your Name”
- Put off the old, Ephesians 4:22
- Put on the new, Ephesians 4:23
- Our standard is always our Lord
- Whatever has mastered us is our Lord

David Ring: Evangelist



- Born with cerebral palsy
- Parents died when he was 14 years old.
- Walks with a limp, and has a severe speech problem.
- Preaches 250 times a year
- As a teenager he surrendered to the Lordship of Christ
- "Don't ask God why. Ask What. What do you want me to do with this?"