

Names of God part 5

Name: Adonai

Passage: Genesis 15:1-6

God clearly defines our relationship to Him in His name ADONAI. Adonai means servant or slave; one who was bought and not hired. There is a drastic difference between being a hired slave versus a bought slave. A bought slave was considered part of the family and was able to partake of the Passover. He also enjoyed the master's affection and protection. (Exodus 12:43-45). However, a hired slave was always considered a stranger. He was never allowed to partake of the Passover and had no rights.

God purchased us with the blood of Christ! The day we accepted Christ payment for our sins; we become the servants of God. Now, we are entered into a master-slave relationship with God. This relationship demands our obedience. (Malachi 1:6) This type of relationship with God was clearly understood in Bible times by Moses (Exodus 4:10) and by David (II Samuel 7:18-20). The Old Testament uses this name for God some 419 times!

Upon close examination of the New Testament, one will find that this relationship is again clearly defined. In the New Testament, the word for Lord is Kurios. Again, it still means master, controller, and supreme authority. It is used some 687 times in the New Testament. Clearly, we are still to be the slaves of God because we are purchased slaves! God still provides us with protection and compassion. (Romans 12:1-2; I Corinthians 6:19-20). The Lord Himself set the ultimate example of being a servant when He washed His disciples' feet. (John 13:13-16). God is truly our Master, and we are gladly His servants!

Adonai, we thank you for purchasing us by Your blood! We are gladly your servants. Please help us to be fruitful and obedient servants. We thank you that as your slaves, we are free from the bondage of sin! Help us to live in such a way that we constantly acknowledge with our lives that we are your purchased slaves!