

The Christian's Missing Question



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It is the Christian understanding that the Holy Spirit inspired holy men to write the Holy Bible, in Hebrew – the Pentateuch, the Psalms, the Prophets, etc. - every book recorded exactly as we have them today. None of the Scriptures contain any errors, and every word is written as it should be. This is our claim...yet it has not been our complete practice. In the application of our faith and our inability to read the Hebrew language for ourselves, we have been beholden to translators for all the Word of the Heavenly Father to be brought to us in English. We were left without a choice but to trust that they would do rightly by the Book, and those trusted with this task of passing on the knowledge of the Almighty from the ancient language to our modern speech, have proven faithful in their duty in many respects...but not in this. And failing in this area, they leave us believers receiving no reply for the greatest question of the Scriptures,



found in Proverbs 30:4, “Who has established all the foundations of the earth? What is His NAME and the Name of His Son? Tell me if you know!”

For many hundreds of years, we have been saying that our Father is our “God”...and our “God” is our LORD...and our LORD is our King...and our King is our Father... but we never stop talking in circles. And we never answer the question that hangs boldly before us. We shout praises to “the NAME of the LORD”, sing songs about how great “the NAME of the LORD”

is, and pray our prayers in “the NAME of the LORD”, every day...But we could never tell what this NAME is, because we did not know. And we have had no reason to know, because it had not been given to us...More specifically, it has been *withheld* from us. We say, “The LORD is our ‘God’” and we say, “Our ‘God’ is the LORD,”; yet when asked the question of Proverbs, these epithets may not be used as answers, as they are both vague generalizations and generic titles used of every heathen deity as well and every pagan idol new and old alike.

One of those respects in which the translators deviated from their duties to transmit to us what the Patriarchs and Prophets had transcribed for them, was regarding this doctrine of the Divine NAME. Having followed after a rabbinic-Jewish superstition, which taught and still teaches to this day, that the NAME of the Creator is too holy to be spoken (a thought the Bible counters constantly and strongly) those entrusted to bring us the Book in our language left out the key to reading it. They refused to carry over the NAME our Heavenly Father gave us to call Him, the only NAME for which HE has and will work wonders. In the place where the Scriptures originally spoke the NAME, over 7000 times, the translators removed it and recording in its stead a replacement title, “the LORD”. And in so doing, these men, however well-intentioned, violated the biblical order to never add to nor take away from Scripture. Well-meaning or not, these men stole from every successive generation to come the privilege and power of knowing their Maker by NAME.

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- Proverbs 30:4

They say, “The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing the world that he did not exist.” But this was not satan’s greatest chicanery. The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was not “convincing the world he didn’t exist”, but rather convincing the people of the Most High to forget His actual NAME in favor of the titles “LORD” and “God”. We believe we are following Scripture, but this custom is not found in Scripture. It is human fear and man-made tradition that stripped the NAME of our Sovereign from His own Story. Scripture says to fear the NAME (it doesn’t say to fear Its use). The Bible says to praise this NAME, to proclaim It, stand in awe of It, and sanctify ourselves for It. Our Heavenly Father said in Isaiah 52:6, “Therefore, My people will know MY NAME...” And through all the Holy Bible, we

see that nothing concerns our Maker more than His Holy NAME, and Its renown...not even His people, whom He sets above the rest.

To all this talk someone might say, “It shouldn’t matter what we call the Creator, so long as we keep His Commandments. After all, if we do what HE wants, why can’t we call Him what we want?” But attempted argument is off limits.

We have been talking up the NAME of our Creator for far too long to backtrack now and claim that it could really be anything.

The third of the 10 Commandments told us that the His NAME should matter to us, so we can’t be fully keeping HIS Commandments without at least caring to know this NAME.

We can’t just stick to calling HIM what we are used to “so long as we do what HE wants”, because HE has said in Scripture that HE wants us to be calling on His NAME. To all who believe the Father’s real NAME is not so important, I would call your minds to ponder the following facts: The Almighty saved Israel from Egypt and brought plagues on all their pagan gods for the sake of His NAME (Exodus 9:16, Psalms 106:8); when Israel rebelled against Him on the way to the promised land, He did not slaughter them, also for the sake of His NAME (Ezekiel 20: 8,9), for the sake of His NAME, He built a Temple (I Kings 8:29), and when Israel defiled it, He destroyed it for His NAME-sake (Jeremiah 7:14), for His NAME-sake He drove Israel out of the Holy Land and for the sake of His NAME also, He brought them back (Ezekiel 36: 20-23), and it is for the sake of His Great NAME that our Father forgives rather than destroys outright (Ezekiel 20:44). So then, let us now answer that age old question and learn what amazing NAME this is.



When Moses stood before the Burning Bush requiring a NAME for the Creator he was facing, a NAME he was then expected to bring back to all of Israel, all of Egypt, and ultimately all the world, our Heavenly Father did not tell the prophet, “None of your business.” Neither did He say, “My NAME is too holy for your hearing.” Nor, “I’ll tell you, but keep it secret.” Our Heavenly Father did not tell Moses that His NAME is “God” or that His NAME is “the LORD” or any of our other traditional titles for Him. No. The King of the Universe spoke to Moses with this, “Say to the Israelites, ‘YHWH, the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My NAME forever, the NAME by which I AM to be remembered from generation to generation.’”

“That’s nice for Jews,” someone might say, “but we are not Jews. Why should this mean anything to us?” Indeed, this is the NAME of the Mighty One of Israel (and we are not Jews) but we worship the same Mighty One of Israel. (And Israel is much more than just Jews.) The NAME, YHWH (we pronounce as Yah-way), is the NAME by which our Heavenly Father swears His Covenants. The “New” Covenant in the blood of His ‘Son’ is sworn in this NAME, and so YHWH is also the NAME of the ‘Christian’ Deity aswell, though most Christians don’t know it.

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- Exodus 3:15

Need you evidence of this? Look to the following examples from Scripture: Our Messiah said that He came to us in the Father’s NAME (John 5:43) and that He did His miracles in this NAME (John 10:25). When He taught us to pray, He told us our Father’s NAME is holy (Matthew 6:9). He said that He revealed this NAME to His disciples (John 17:6), And He spoke of that NAME as having been their protection all along (John 17:11-12). He claimed to have declared the Father’s NAME to the disciples and that He would continue to do so (John 17:26). Just before He left us, our Messiah, commissioned that we immerse all future disciples into this NAME (Matthew 28:19). Later in

the Revelation, this same Sovereign promised all Overcomers that this NAME will be written on them (Revelation 3:12). He foretold that the seal for the 144,000 will be this Holy NAME (Revelation 14:1) and that this NAME will grace the foreheads of all who may enter paradise (Revelation 22:4).

In fact, the short form of this NAME, It’s poetic rendering, should already be familiar to most of us who have been believers for any length of time. When we have expressed our joy, thanks, or praise to our Heavenly Father, we were taught to say, “hallelujah,” speaking His NAME unawares. “Hallel” means, “Praise be.” “U” means “you /to You.” And “jah” is how we were wrongly raised to write the poetic-short form of the Divine NAME, which is pronounced, “YAH.” Therefore, contrary to how we were brought up by tradition, “HalleluYAH” does not mean, “Praise ye, the Lord,” but rather, “Praise be to You, YAH.”

This served in ancient times as a shout of worship as well as a battle cry so that all would know to Whom we are grateful and Who it is that fights for us. So should it remain our cry today, now that we know truly what it is we exclaim and upon Whom we call.

The translators would have us believing a title is enough and hope to pass off the moniker, “LORD” as a translation of, “YHWH”. But this is not a translation, nor any part or approximation of the meaning of the Sacred NAME. The NAME “YHWH” means along the lines of, “Eternal” or “Existence” or “He Who Is”. It cannot be translated to mean, “LORD” as it’s meaning is so far beyond mere sovereignty and dominance. Not to mention that “Lord” is a distinctly British title exclusive of medieval feudalism. This from the old English term “Hlafweard” (Loaf Ward) meaning “Keeper or Guard of the Bread.” The title never existed during the time of the writing of the Scriptures, and would not appear for over 1000 years after the close of the Canon. The British culture did not have any contact with the Israelite culture, nor did the English language, ever meet up with the Hebrew language, therefore “Lord” as a translation of YHWH, is utterly impossible and indeed preposterous.

“YHWH” is a close, personal, covenant NAME, signifying a special relationship, not simply as a ruler over subjects, nor as the Maker over the object of His creation, but as if we are His sons and daughters, each priceless possessions. When we see Him as no more than “the LORD,” we perceive our Mighty One through a haze as the Creator of all things - lofty, and aloof, impersonal and uncaring. Yet as YHWH, we can see Him as the Creator, not just of *all* things but of *each* thing.



Though He is the lofty Sovereign, as YAHWEH we see Him bending low to be near us, coming close to connect with us, personally concerned with us individually and caring for our every hope, need, and dream.

In a world of countless religions and uncountable gods, most of which are claiming they themselves are each the one and only Almighty on High Who made the Universe, we must be clear Who it is we serve



and call on as our One and Only Maker and Saviour. Acts 15:14 tells us that our Father took us out from the Nations to be a people for His NAME. It is thus our purpose, not merely to be a people belonging to “the LORD” or who belong to someone called “God,” but that we may be a people set apart to honor the NAME of YHWH. The words “LORD” and “God” will not cut it, because we have all been calling our own creations and our own selves by the same titles since the beginning of time. We say of ourselves, “lordgod” and of our idols, “lordgod” and of our traditions, “lordgod,” and then think ourselves justified in saying, “LORD

God” of Him Who made us and saved us from sin and death and damnation. We think it okay because we use capital letters for Him but not for us.? This does not fit and simply is not fair.

While everyone else is running about proclaiming various imaginary divinities as “God” and “Lord”, we have the opportunity and the responsibility to stand true to Scripture declaring by faith what it has said, that whether or not there be other “gods” and “lords,” for us there is only *one* Mighty One (and only *one* Master). And that Mighty One calls Himself, YHWH telling us also to do likewise. Let us not miss out on the meaning of our lives but with open minds and open hearts believe in and bear the NAME of our Heavenly Father.

We have been telling the world to believe in “God”, but our Heavenly Father through His Word told us to believe in His NAME. If we are to offer the people of the earth anything more than generic religion filtered through our own superstition, more than a dictator deity, if we are ever to recognize He Who Is the True King and find complete faith, and full knowledge of our Father in Heaven, and if we are to fulfill our duty as described in Psalms 96:10, not to tell the world to serve “The LORD” and to believe in “God” but rather as it is written, “Say among the nations, ‘YHWH reigns’,” then we must begin now to reconcile ourselves with this thought: The Holy NAME was put into the Holy Bible by holy men inspired by the Holy Spirit...*What sort of spirit do you suppose inspired other men later to take It out of the Bible before giving the Book to us?* It certainly was not the same Spirit. Without that NAME, we were taught to promote someone called “God” as Most High and someone called “Lord” as Sovereign overall. But the Bible never said to tell the world that there is a “God,” Who is also the “LORD,” and that He is overall, but that the One Who is Sovereign over all is YHWH, apart from all pretenders. And so it is rightly said in Psalm 83:18, *“Let them know that You, Whose NAME is YHWH, that YOU alone are Most High over all the earth.”* This is or ought to be our understanding and our answer to the question we never thought to ask. *“What is HIS NAME and the Name of HIS Son? Tell me if you know!”*

