

The Lord Jehovah

When Paul wrote to the church at Rome, he wrote with determination, and he wrote with a great burden for his people, Israel. He said, “Brethren my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth” (Romans 10:1-4).

When Paul penned these words he was deeply concerned about Israel’s present rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, he said in the same chapter and verses 9-10 these words:

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Paul understood that Israel didn’t believe in the incarnation. That is, they didn’t believe that the Babe born in Bethlehem is the Lord of life and glory. And without that first step salvation was impossible for Israel. In fact, that is the first step to anyone’s salvation.

Paul would say, not only is that Babe born in Bethlehem Lord of life and glory, but the Jesus of the New Testament is the Lord (Jehovah) of the Old Testament.

Furthermore, Israel must accept the truth of His resurrection. Paul said, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Romans 10:9).

God raised Jesus from the dead as proof that Christ had completed the work necessary for our salvation, and that He (God) is satisfied with that work. Believing this with the heart means believing with one’s mental, emotional, and volitional powers.

Therefore, in order to be saved one must “confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead ... For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

That was true in Paul’s day, and that is true in our day! But the great question debated today is: Can a person be saved by accepting Jesus as Savior without acknowledging Him as Lord?

In theology we would call that question, a question of reservations. I'll take Jesus as my Savior, but. The Bible gives no hope to anyone who believes with mental reservations.

Understand this: Jesus is Lord! It is unbiblical of believing or thinking any otherwise – Jesus is Lord despite any circumstance!

Paul put it like this: “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11).

Remember, you are not in the coronation business. You don't make Jesus Lord. God did that – it was God the Father who anointed Jesus as Lord.

If someone is truly saved it is not a matter of who is Lord, it is a matter of obedience. Again, Paul said, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

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