

OH LORD MY GOD

CLARIFICATIONS:

1. There is ONE ALMIGHTY GOD who is God/Lord over all (cf. Gen. 1:1; Deut. 4:35; Isa. 44:8; Jn. 1:1-3; Acts 10:36; 1Cor. 8:4-6, Phil. 2:9-11).

2. Other so called “gods” are of Satan’s making or of people’s own making and ultimately will be shown not to be “gods” at all (cf. Isa. 44:15-20; 2Cor.11:14; Rev. 9:20, Rev. 19-20).

3. When it comes to the supernatural or the spiritual realm, there are only two sources of power, that being God and Satan. (Ex. 8; and Rev.13).

NOTE: Satan is a created being who corrupted what God initially gave him in terms of power and position.

Although Satan is called “the god of this age” (2 Cor. 4:4), his power is limited in terms of time and extent as set by God. He can only operate to the extent that God allows (Job 1-2; Isa. 14; 2 Cor. 4:4).

4. In the Bible there are two basic groups of people. There are those who adhere to the ONE TRUE GOD OF THE BIBLE and those who adhere to false “gods” or to a false concept of God (Rom. 1).

“Man was made to worship. He can’t help but worship. All that remains to be seen is who or what he gives his worship to.” **-James Pittman**

5. Truly saved people have come to know the Triune God of the Bible (as revealed in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ) as their own personal God. He and He alone is their God (cf. Matt. 28:19-20; Jn. 8:24, 20:28-31; Rom. 10:9-13; 1Cor. 8:4-6; 1Jn. 5; cf. Ex. 20:3).

WHAT MAKES SOMETHING/SOMEONE A PERSON’S GOD?

What are we really saying when we say we have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as “my Lord and my God”?

To truly know the Lord-God of the Bible as your God is defined in various ways in the Bible. A saving relationship with God starts with the right kind of faith. Closely related to the right kind of faith are the concepts of trust, fear, worship, service, and obedience. The principle issue is that of FAITH!

TRUST/BELIEVE/FAITH: The words trust, believe, and faith are essentially used interchangeably in the Bible as the necessary response to be saved.

They mean to give credence to; to adhere to; to depend/rely upon; to accept as true.

Biblical Examples:

“Where are their gods, the rock in which they sought refuge [trusted]?” (Deut. 32:37). “Have the gods of the nations delivered...” (Isa. 37:12; cf. Judg. 10:14; Jer. 2:28). “You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1Thess. 1:9; cf. 2:13). “So ...they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast?’” (Rev. 13:4).

“Blessed are all who put their trust in Him.” (Ps. 2:12). “And in His name Gentiles will trust” (Matt. 12:21). “We trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially those who believe” (1 Tim. 4:10). “He who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Heb. 11:6).

The great “Hall of Faith” chapter in the Bible is Hebrews 11. It emphasizes that without FAITH we cannot please God.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11 then gives many descriptions of saving faith as seen throughout the chapter. The whole book of John was written so we might believe in Jesus and have life (Jn. 20:30-31). In a sense, the whole of the Bible has been given to us so that we might understand God’s great plan of salvation which is found in the PERSON and WORK of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the great issue before God for time and eternity!

1 John 5:11–13 (LSB)

11 And the witness is this, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have that life.

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

In the end there are only TWO groups of people. There are BELIEVERS who believe in the God of the Bible on His terms and there are UNBELIEVERS! To believe in God on His terms is to believe in His SON!

Either we have the Son or we do not! Either we believe in Him or we do not! It all comes down to this! Do you believe in Jesus for Who He is as the God-Savior?

John 14:1 (NKJV)

1 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

John 17:3 (NKJV)

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.