

SAVIORHOOD is also LORDSHIP

ONLY the LORD is qualified to be Savior! (cf. Isa. 43:11) "Salvation is of the LORD." (Jon. 2:9) In order to be Savior, Jesus MUST be Lord! In order to be saved a person must properly recognize Jesus for WHO He is as Lord/Savior. "For whoever calls on the name [Person] of the LORD shall be saved." (Rom. 10:13)

The God of the Bible is a TERRIBLE (awesome) reality! I am using the word "terrible" in the sense of the old KJV which repeatedly speaks of God as being "terrible" (cf. Deut. 10:17; Ps. 47:2). In fact, His very Name is said to be "terrible" in Psalm 99:3. Now one might argue that this is a "terrible" translation, but properly understood it is accurate. Other translations render this as AWESOME, TO BE FEARED, or AWE-INSPIRING. **Terrible**, understood in the sense of causing overwhelming awe and godly fear is a good and wholesome thing (cf. Matt. 10:28; Acts 10:35; Rom. 3:18; Phil. 2:12; Heb. 12:21). To truly believe is to properly "fear" God (cf. Acts 10:35).

As believers we glory in the GRACE of God – and RIGHTFULLY so. God's love is so incredible! It is immeasurable, boundless, and eternal. How wonderful that absolutely NOTHING can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus **our Lord** (cf. Rom. 8:38-39).

But it is good for us to realize that this same God of all GRACE is the very same God who will one day cast all unbelievers into an eternal HELL in which there will NEVER, EVER be any relief from their torments for all eternity. That too is the reality of GOD! Yes, He is LOVE, but He is also "terribly" HOLY! (cf. Isa. 6:3) He is awesomely LORD over all! Saving faith believes it!

Lord simply means "master". When used of the risen Lord, the idea of Lord is always that of "God-Master". And what does God demand? He demands that humanity recognize His LORDSHIP authority! This is the central issue in all of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation (cf. Rev. 14:6-7). So serious is this that all those who refuse to BOW before God's LORDSHIP will perish forever in an eternal HELL. In fact, before they are banished to HELL even every unbeliever will BOW the knee before Jesus and confess that He is LORD to the glory of God (cf. Phil. 2:9-11). In the end, His LORDSHIP is the ULTIMATE issue (cf. Mt. 7:21-23).

In the Garden of Eden when God tested Adam and Eve the issue was His LORDSHIP. Would they obediently recognize God's authority, or would they defy it?

When God reasoned with Cain saying, “*If you do well, will you not be accepted?*” it was a LORDSHIP issue (cf. Gen. 4:7). When Noah “moved with godly fear” and prepared an ark, it was a LORDSHIP issue (cf. Gen. 6-8). When by “faith Abraham obeyed” and went out, “not knowing where he was going”, this was a LORDSHIP issue (cf. Heb. 11:8). When Moses chose to suffer affliction with God’s people rather than enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, that was a LORDSHIP issue (cf. Heb. 11:24-26).

When people were tortured, “not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection”, that was a LORDSHIP issue (cf. Heb. 11:35). A Savior was born “who is Christ the Lord” (Lk. 2:11). When Jesus said, “My mother and My brothers are these who hear the Word of God and do it”, that was a LORDSHIP issue (cf. Lk. 8:21).

When Paul and Silas said to the shaken guard who had just witnessed a LORDSHIP SHAKING of the prison, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved”, that was a LORDSHIP issue. Consequently, “they spoke the **word of the LORD** to him” (cf. Acts 16:25-34 - emphasis mine).

When Paul speaks of “obedience to the faith” that is a LORDSHIP issue (cf. Rom. 1:5; 16:25-27). When Hebrews 5:9 says that Jesus is “the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him” that is a LORDSHIP issue.

When John the apostle who wrote “The Gospel of Belief” (the gospel of John) says, “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments” that is a LORDSHIP issue (cf. 1 Jn. 2:3). When Revelation 21:8 says, “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” that is a LORDSHIP issue!

From Genesis to Revelation the great issue of the ages is the LORDSHIP of God revealed ultimately in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. This will climactically be the great issue in THE DAY OF THE LORD! All those who truly BELIEVE ON Christ as LORD (God-Master) fully embrace the reality that Jesus ALONE IS SAVIOR. To truly know Christ as LORD is to acknowledge your need of Him as SAVIOR! To properly recognize the LORDSHIP authority of Christ is most certainly to accept what He says about SALVATION by GRACE (cf. Gal. 1:6-9).

Lordship and Saviorhood is an indissoluble package woven together in time and for eternity! To accept Christ as Savior is to recognize Him as Lord. To accept Christ as Lord is to recognize Him as Savior. Saviorhood cannot be divorced from Lordship!

In this life, those who reject Christ as Lord will never know Him as Savior.
All those who truly accept Christ as Savior also know Him as Lord!