

JEHOVAH GOD

Seldom today is God spoken of in all His majesty, power and holiness and His right to rule in the heavens and on the earth as He wills, He being subject to none, for He says, "I am the first and I am the last and beside me there is no God" (Isa 44:6). Some teach that God is dead; some refer to Him as the one upstairs. Multitudes take His name in vain by their cursing, and many more deny Him by their carnal worship. Sad to say there are those who profess Christ, yet will not acknowledge Him as an absolute sovereign in their life and are not subject to His Word, substituting man's will for God's will. This should not be so.

God is exalted when His people acknowledge Him as the great I AM. Cruden says, "*God* is one of the names which we give to that eternal, infinite and incomprehensible Being, the Creator of all things, who preserves and governs *everything* by His almighty power and wisdom." One of the names that the Hebrews used for God is *Jehovah*. "This name denotes all His perfection and the constancy and immutability of His Word and Promises." Jehovah also means, "He who exists of Himself and gives being and existence to others. This is a name ineffable and mysterious which denotes the eternity and independence of God." The Scriptures are continually exalting Him who "sitteth upon the circle of the earth—that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in."

The God of the Scripture is the ALL-MIGHTY. He is the One "who speaks and it is done, who commands and it stands fast." He is the One with whom "all things are possible" and "who worketh all things after the counsel of *His own will*" (Eph 1:11). He is the One "who hath measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance" (Isa 40:12). He is the One with whom "the nations are as a drop of a bucket" and "All nations before him are as nothing and they are counted to HIM less than nothing and vanity" (Isa 40:15,17). He is the One who declares, "Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, and He that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things: that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by Myself" (Isa 44:24).

Such is the God of the Bible, the God who throws out the challenge, "To whom then will ye liken God or what likeness will ye compare unto Him?" (Isa 40:18). He says again, "Lift up your eyes on high and behold who hath created these things that bringeth out their host by number: He calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth." (Isa 40:26). Jehosaphat knew this God and recognized His greatness for he wrote, "O Lord God of our fathers are not thou God in heaven? and ruleth not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?" (2 Chron 20:6).

God spoke unto Moses and said, "I AM THAT I AM, and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you" (Exo 3:14). I AM takes in all the Godhead of God and defies all human wisdom and understanding. Samuel could say, "Who is God, save the Lord? And who is a rock save our God?" (2 Sam 22:32). Job said, "God is greater than man" (Job 33:12). David said, "The Lord our God is holy." Isaiah wrote, "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of His understanding" (Isa 40:28).

Space prevents us from mentioning many others in both the Old and New Testaments that exalted God as Sovereign in all things. This He certainly is for our God knows no variableness neither shadow of turning, for He does as He wills, when He wills, and how He wills. "None can stay His

hand or say unto him What doeth thou?" (Dan 4:35). He ruleth in the kingdoms of men. His "hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and the palm of my right hand hath spread out the heavens" (Isa 48:13 marg.). God Himself says, "I the Lord thy God am a jealous God" (Exo 20:5). He continually refers to creation to exhibit His power, might and majesty. "For lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The Lord, the God of hosts is his name." (Amos 4:13).

David praising God said, "The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fullness thereof, thou hast founded them. The north and the south thou hast created them" (Psa 89:11,12). "Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created" (Psa 148:4,5). "I form the light and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things" (Isa 45:7). "All things ... visible and invisible ... were created by Him and for Him" (Col 1:16). The wind and the waves obey His will. "He maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures" (Jer 51:16). "The Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm" (Nahum 1:3). Surely, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiwork" (Psa 19:1). God is infinite in wisdom and understanding and none can resist His will. His holiness sets the standards in heaven and earth, and is binding upon man, for hath he not said, "Be ye holy, for I am holy" (I Pet 1:16).

Have you ever tried to fathom the mysteries of His ways? He has the keys of death and hell. The hairs of your head are numbered and He taketh notice of even one sparrow. He knoweth "the secrets of the heart." "There is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested" (Mark 4:22). "For his eyes are upon the ways of man"; and "The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good" (Prov 15:3).

God is a mighty SOVEREIGN. All creation including man is subject to Him. None can alter his decrees or say, what doest Thou? He is the author of salvation for, "It is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth but of God that sheweth mercy." Read Romans 9. Let us "Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl:2:13).

Our attitude should be one of trust, obedience and praise, saying:

"O Lord, Thou art the potter, I am the clay;
Cause me to fear, and walk in thy way."