

Adonai אֲדֹנָי

What comes up for you when you think about calling God “master”?

Three Adonais

1. YHWH (יהוה) : covenantal God. Hebrews would have used “Adonai” instead of YHWH because YHWH was too precious to say aloud.
2. adonai (אֲדֹנָי) : emphatic term for human authority and masters.
3. Adonai (אֲדֹנָי) : Lord, Ultimate Master

Adonai in Scripture

1. Psalm 16:1-2
 - a. When we come under his refuge, we come under his authority.
 - b. His commands bring flourishing, other masters do not.
2. Luke 6:46-49
 - a. Calling Christ Lord (κυρίως) means obeying him.
 - b. His authority is the only sure foundation on which to build our lives.
3. 2 Corinthians 3:17
 - a. God’s Lordship brings freedom.
 - b. All other masters bring slavery.

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Who or what are your rival masters?
2. What are the barriers to giving God this authority in your life?