

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

### **Welcome friends to another broadcast of "Morsels for Zion's Poor"**

We have all seen the bumper stickers and car tags that proudly proclaim "GOD is my Co-pilot" as well as the calendars in some business establishments that declare that GOD is their "silent partner". Those who display such things generally feel that they are proclaiming their service to the LORD and are doing HIM a favor by mentioning their devotion and giving HIM a place of honor, (as dubious as it is) by including a mention of HIM.

I don't know a lot of things but I am quite sure that the scripture never indicates that the MAKER of Heaven and Earth, the SOVEREIGN RULER of all Universes, the Absolute PREDESTINATOR of all events, would, somehow, be honored to share any such billing, regardless of the sincerity of those who might set it forth.

When the LORD first appeared to Moses in the "BURNING BUSH", HE told Moses to remove his shoes because he was standing on "holy ground". The ground was not holy because it held some religious significance but rather that to be in the presence of a HOLY GOD rendered it so. Moses had no right or business to come into that place except that he was given that privilege due to nothing but the sovereign will and purpose of HIM who is a "CONSUMING FIRE."

The very first one of the "commandments" which HE gave to Moses is, "*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*" This is the beginning of a declaration of who HE is. Some have evidently assumed that HE was saying, you can have other gods, but just always put me first. In reality HE was saying, you cannot have any others before my face or in my presence

The third "commandment" is "*Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.*" To take the NAME of the LORD in vain is to speak of HIM in any frivolous manner or using HIS name in some fashion to seek glory for oneself, even as those who would include the mention of HIM in some manner to draw attention to themselves. HIS very NAME is JEALOUS and HE will not be spoken of in a light hearted or off handed fashion which is without proper regard to the glory that surrounds HIM. We are saddened to hear many who call themselves HIS followers using HIS name as an exclamation point or even as a means for monetary gain.

The GOD who "*inhabitest eternity*" does not enter into partnerships with any, nor does HE occupy some secondary role or position. HE is the LORD of all and demands respect in the Heavens. in the Earth, and even in the regions of Hell,

HE cannot be co-opted for our purpose nor can HE in any wise be found to be dependent on anything which the creature can produce, whether it be supposed works of righteousness or activities of free will. The only proper place for a man who recognizes HIS LORDSHIP is in the dust of adoring wonder and repentance.

The Psalmist declares **HIS NAME** saying "*HOLY and REVEREND is HIS NAME.*" This can only have reference to HIM who is worthy of all praise. It is blasphemous, in my opinion, to use that NAME to refer to anyone else. HIS NAME must not be taken in vain. I am not sure when the practice of calling men by that name began or the circumstances which surrounded this egregious display of man's pride. It is baffling to me that any man who has any regard whatsoever to the HOLY NAME of GOD would allow such a label to be affixed to himself or for any who worship at the footstool of the dread SOVEREIGN of the universe should refer to any sinful son of Adam by such a title.

The whole concept of men taking "titles" to themselves, in order to differentiate their various gifts and callings from one another is borne out of a penchant to have preeminence. It matters not whether it be reverend, elder, pastor, bishop or whatever title one may choose. The sons of GOD are servants one of another, each esteeming the other better than themselves. Thus it is not proper to take titles based upon various gifts and callings which the LORD is pleased to bestow upon the saints for the benefit of the whole body. "*For who maketh thee to differ from another?*"

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