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Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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“LORD,” “Lord,” “lord” & “god,” “God,” “GOD” – What Do These Mean in the Bible? How Do They Differ?

George Beals

In the Old Testament Scriptures (OT), in the 1901 American Standard Version (ASV), Exodus 6:2 reads, “And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am Jehovah.” Here, God is telling Moses God’s personal name – Jehovah. (Sometimes, Bible students pronounce this “Yahweh” – pronounced, YA way.) “Jehovah” (Yahweh) translates the Hebrew “YHWH” – the personal name for God. It is interesting to compare the ASV with the King James Version (KJV) here. In the KJV, the same verse reads, “And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD.” In the New King James Version (NKJ), the verse reads, “And God spoke to Moses and said to him: ‘I am the LORD.’” Notice that where the ASV has “Jehovah,” both the KJV and the NKJ have “LORD” (all capitals). The KJV and NKJ are following a tradition found in several English versions of the Bible where they choose to translate the Hebrew word for Jehovah as LORD. But “Jehovah” as “LORD” is not the only variation you will find in such versions: notice the terms above in the title of this article. This can be confusing – but it is what it is. As an aid for your Bible study, this brief article aims to explain these different expressions.

As mentioned, “LORD” (all caps) translates the Hebrew word for Jehovah – God’s personal name. To convince yourself that “Jehovah” is God’s personal name, take a moment to read what God said to Moses at the burning bush in Exodus 3:13-15. James E. Smith provides this helpful comment on this passage: “If [Moses] were asked he would not be able to tell the Israelites the name of the God who was sending him. God answered this objection by telling Moses his name: I am. The statement “I am who I am” can be rendered a number of different ways in English. The statement basically emphasizes the timelessness of God. He is the self-existing one, the Eternal, the one without beginning or end. The God of Israel’s ancestors was to be identified by the name Yahweh (He who is) throughout the generations” – Smith, *The Pentateuch* (1993): 253-254.

So what does “Lord” mean in the OT (initial capital in mid-sentence, not all capitals)? It is a translation not of YHWH (Jehovah) in the Hebrew but of a form of “adon” (AH don). This means lord, master – one who has authority. For an example of LORD and Lord in one verse, notice Psalm 110:1 in the NKJ: “The LORD said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’” As expected, the ASV renders this, “Jehovah saith unto my Lord [adon], Sit thou at my right hand, Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.”

What then does “lord” mean in the OT (no capitals in mid-sentence)? It can translate adon, but when the reference is to an authority who is not deity (or a term of respect). An example is Genesis 42:33, “Then the man, the lord [adon] of the country, said to us, . . .”

How about “god” in the OT (lower case “g” in mid-sentence)? This translates another word altogether, a form of the Hebrew word el. It can refer to a so-called god who is not the living and true God. Then, does “God” (initial capital in mid-sentence) refer to the living and true God? You got it! A nice example of both occurrences (along with LORD too!) is Leviticus 19:4, which reads, in the NKJ, “Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods [elohim = plural of el]: I am the LORD [YHWH, Jehovah] your God (el).”

One more: Then what about GOD (all caps in mid-sentence)? Well, since these translations already have used up “Lord” for adon and “LORD” for Jehovah, what are they going to do when adon and Jehovah appear adjacent to each other in the same verse? They chose not to say Lord LORD. Rather, in this case, they use “Lord” to translate adon and GOD (all caps in mid-sentence) to translate Jehovah. So Lord GOD. An example of this is Genesis 15:2, which the NKJ renders, “But Abram said, “Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, ...” and the ASV renders, “And Abram said, O Lord Jehovah, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, ...”

To bring all of this together, on your own, with this article in hand, open your Bible(s) and check out all of these variations represented in Genesis 2:5; 15:2; 15:8; 42:33; Psalm 110:1; Leviticus 19:4. Compare their renderings in the KJV or NKJ, with the ASV. Perhaps you can save this article for reference. I hope it will prove helpful.

IS YOUR TIME SET APART FOR GOD?

God created all things created within one literal week (Genesis 1:1-31). Moses elsewhere confirmed that God actually took six days to create everything, “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them” (Exodus 20:11). The creation account ends with a seventh day, “Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done” (Genesis 2:1-2). The term translated, “were finished” means God brought to completion His work. “Rest” does not mean God was tired, but that He ceased creative activity (Hebrews 4:4). The universe is no longer in a process of being created. Genesis 1 does not allow for additional creation, but procreation and self-perpetuation. “Host” is a collective term that refers to an organized and disciplined body (see Genesis 21:22; Deuteronomy 4:19; 1 Kings 22:19). It designates the total, made up of the various component parts in the planned design of creation.

God called the previous days either “good” or “very good,” but it is this day alone that God sanctified. “Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made” (Genesis 2:3). “Sanctified” means to make “holy,” or to set apart. Nothing in the creation context connected with space is called “holy.” By virtue of being sanctified, one day of rest was set apart from six days of activity. By sanctifying the seventh day, God instituted a polarity between the “everyday” and the “holy.”

As with everything created, though something may have been created in a particular day, its existence was (and is) not limited to that day only. For example, although light was created on the first day (Genesis

1:3-5), light was not limited to the first day. Rather, light has been part of this world from the first day of creation forward! So time was made holy, or set apart, on the seventh day. However, the sanctified nature of time is not limited to the seventh day (despite Sabbatarian doctrine). The holy God wants us to sanctify all our time to be like Him. “But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy’ (1 Peter 1:15-16). God has not chosen any single day to be dedicated to holiness but every day! Is your time set apart for God and His will each day? ♥ Brian

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.
1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, 7

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.
Hebrews 12:14

PRAYER LIST

Current: Jimmy Sweeney is requesting prayers for upcoming medical tests. Sebastian, who is the Tyding's neighbor's grandson is hospitalized and had surgery from swallowing a button battery. Melody Baxter had knee surgery this week. Barbara Jones has pneumonia. Brenda Mask is having problems with her ears. Marcia Island has had bronchitis.

Continual: Brenda Mask (blood pressure issues); Debbie Bush (struggles); Brian Smith (heart health); Antoine & Marcella Swain (health); Geny Johnson (health); Bill & Carlene Long (health & strength); Ron & Judy Ford (health); Bobby Simpson (health); Annett Phillip (health); Janie Wise (health); Charles Paulin (health); Jim Turner (health). Margaret Coone (health) Kathy Nester(health)

Shut-ins: Joyce Burbage, Carol Eason, Kenny & Reba French

Extended family and Friend are Emailed Weekly

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16

Save the Date:

June 4-7, 2023

Vacation Bible School

S. Florida Ave church of Christ

Theme: Give Me Oil in My Lamp



THE Phoebe ROMANS 16:1-2 GROUP
basket auction & brunch

\$10- adults
\$5- kids age 4-12
kids 3 and under: free

Saturday
May 27, 2023
10:30 A.M.
1807 S. Florida Ave - Lakeland FL - 33803

Join us for brunch & a silent auction of baskets to support the Florida School of Preaching!
Please RSVP to FSOP by May 20th



There are thank you cards from David Deal, Karen Belk and Bea Pratt in the office. They want to thank the church for all the prayers, kind deeds, cards, calls and visits during their recent illnesses and hospitalizations.

5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION

The next 5th Sunday collection for the Building Fund will be April 30, 2023.

If you would like to give additional funds at other times, please mail or bring them to the office. Be sure to designate the contribution as part of the building fund. It will be collected by the elders.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

April

Designated Elder - Bobby Sheumaker

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Announcements.....B Kenyon
Song Leader/prayer.....Landon Willcut
DevotionalRoberson Louissaint
PrayerSteve Tydings

Sunday, April 23, 2023

10:30 A.M.

"A Worker For The Lord" (Neh. 3)
Vince Daugherty

6:00 P.M.

"Unrealized Casualties" (2 Cor. 11:3,13-15)
Brian Kenyon

Those to Serve

10:30 A.M.

Song/Prayer before class.....Tucker Sweeney
Song Leader (both services).....Terrance Dindy
Announcements.....Jimmy Sweeney
Scripture reading/Prayer.....Steve Tydings
Lord'sTable (both).....Wesley Brunson
Closing Prayer.....Paul Sweeney
Open/Close bldg (both).....B. Sheumaker
GreetersThe Paulins
Attendance cards (both).....Peyton/Landon
Sound Booth (both).....Kyle Bingle

6:00 P.M.

P.M. Song LeaderTerrance Dindy
Scripture reading/PrayerJosh Potvin
Closing PrayerBobby Sheumaker
Greeters PM.....Shearer's

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Announcements.....Frank Hamby
Song Leader/prayer.....Kyle Bingle
DevotionalDavid Williams
PrayerPhil Fife

Upcoming Events 2023

April

- 22 Young Adult Fellowship Night @Daugherty's house. 7:00 PM
- 26 Lads to Leaders Banquet 5:45 pm
- 28 Singing night at Orange Street @ 7:00 pm
- 30 Fellowship Meal after morning service(Team 1)
- 30 Fellowship in Service after PM service

May

- 2 Sr Saints Meeting
- 5-7 WWCC Youth Retreat
- 9 FSOP Ladies Class

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Apr. 2..... \$6,777.00
Apr. 9.....\$9,377.00
Apr 16\$5,660.00
Contribution Average.....\$7,094.29
Weekly budget \$7,410.00

Thread

I checked on a friend to see how she was doing, and she said she was hanging in there. I told her to keep hanging in there and I would continue to pray for her. I thought about the many times I responded with the same words, "I'm hanging in there." To me that means life is hard right now, but I am not giving up. Like the thread hanging from a piece of fabric on a beautiful dress, I'm hanging in there! I'm a little unraveled and not neatly stitched but I'm still connected, I'm hanging in there. Sometimes we hear people say this and cut off the conversation. We don't want to be bothered by other people's problems. We have to remember we are family, knit together in love. Our God has the ability to mend what's torn and put us back in place. Let us help one another so that through us people will see God's incredible grace. (1 Thessalonians 5:11-14)

Youth Section

Vince Daugherty

Lessons from 1 Timothy

People to Withdraw From (1 Timothy 6:3-5)

Are there some people that it's just best to avoid? While we do know that the spark of the divine is every human being, there are some people who do not act very godly. Paul told his son in the faith there are some people to avoid being around. Also, be careful that you are not one of those people Paul said to avoid.

- 1. those who do not use wholesome words**
- 2. those who reject the words of Jesus**
- 3. those who are proud**
- 4. those who like to argue**
- 5. those with corrupt minds**
- 6. those who act godly only to gain a reward**

LADS TO LEADERS BANQUET

Join us as we honor those who participated in the Lads to Leaders Program this year.

APRIL 26, 2023

5:45 PM

All are invited to attend.
Let the office know how many from your family will be attending so we will have plenty of food for all.

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Return Service Requested

*"Whether therefore ye eat,
or drink, or whatsoever
ye do, do all to the glory
of God." (1 Corinthians
10:31)*



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