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EL ELYON

"FOR IN HIM DWELLETH ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY. AND YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM, WHICH IS THE HEAD OF ALL PRINCIPALITY AND POWER" (Col. 2:9-10).

If you have not read our January 1982 Monarch on the NAMES OF GOD, or heard our five tape lessons on the subject, then this Monarch might be hard to understand. If it is, then please put this on the shelf until you have had the chance to catch up.

We plead with you to not trample these beautiful truths underfoot just because you don't understand, and especially because they are new.

JESUS CHRIST

Q. Your new lesson on the Names of God is the best Bible blessing that I have ever had. I now honestly believe that I understand more about God than I ever did. But how about Jesus Christ? How does He fit into the neat package you have come up with?

A. Your question has several parts. In the first place, I did not come up with the neat package. Old books, Bible encyclopedias and concordances are full of it. However, I do admit that I have not seen it put together as I was directed to do, though I have later seen books about the Names of God. The next answer is a surprise to many people, but there is a difference between the words "Jesus" and "Christ." Jesus describes a man who was born of the virgin Mary. Christ describes the anointing that came from God onto the man Jesus. But the reason the distinction is so very important to note is because

that same anointing is prophesied to come upon the BODY OF CHRIST, a many membered group, of which you and I are a part.

Q. What's that got to do with how Jesus fits in?

A. Look at Col. 2:9-10 (top of this lesson). Notice that all the fullness of the Godhead is in Him. I believe that fullness here refers to all of the attributes and consciousness and concepts of all the natures of the Names of God that dwell in Him. And also notice that He heads it all up.

Q. Praise God! What a wonderful savior Jesus is.

A. Without being disrespectful, please allow me to point out that scripture uses the word Christ, not Jesus.

As long as you use the words Jesus and Christ for the same meaning you will miss the blessings of knowing the many wonderful plans that God has made for the Body of Christ in the future. You will relate many scriptures that are about the future and the Body of Christ, mistakenly to the past, thinking that Jesus did it. I'll have to develop a whole lesson for you on that subject, but let's return to the NAMES OF GOD subject for now.

The anointing (Christ) ELOAH came from the Godhead upon Jesus and that made Him JESUS CHRIST (the Messiah).

Q. I'm beginning to see that you are emphasizing the power of the Christ, aren't you?

A. In this day and age we need to see what will be expected from the Body of Christ and quit relegating it to Jesus.

The word ELOAH in Psalm 110:1 refers to Christ. As the Christ (anointing) ELOAH came upon Jesus, it refers to Jesus Christ. As the Christ (anointing) ELOAH will come upon the many membered body - it refers to the Body of Christ. So it has a double meaning, past and future. But it also has an application for the present as well. Structured Christianity has not noticed these differences, so it has been all relegated to the past.

CORRUPTED TEXT

Q. I can't find the word ELOAH in Psa. 110:1. Strong's says that it should be translated "JEHOVAH said unto my ADONI" rather than "the Lord said unto my lord." You said that the first Lord is YAHWEH and the second Lord is ELOAH. Where did you get that idea?

A. The word JEHOVAH is not an accurate old Bible word at all. It was made up by English translators. Jews do not know anything about the word JEHOVAH. If we didn't have enough trouble trying to find the difference between the NAMES OF GOD - the English translators added to the trouble by coining a new word, JEHOVAH! They fashioned it out of the consonants of YAHWEH and the vowels of ADONI. And to make that even worse, the word ADONI was purposely inserted where the word YAHWEH used to be, by the Masoretes.

In other words, the Masoretes purposely corrupted the text of the Bible by substituting ADONI for YAHWEH. Then the English translators came along and formed a corruption upon a corruption. Most every scholar will admit that this is so. Some professors admit these facts in class, but then caution their clergy students not to teach or mention these things to their congregations because it may cause the unlearned to lose faith in God by losing faith in the Bible. I teach just the opposite.

I Believe that our faith in God should increase as we get nearer to the truth. It is time to see the difference between faith in God and in mistaken faith in a corrupted Bible.

Q. Are you saying that the Bible is corrupted and can not be trusted?

A. No! I'm saying that the transmitted text has been corrupted - and so naturally, the translations do not tell us what God wanted us to know. The original Bible was right! What we have was purposely corrupted by many structured religious societies. Many people have spent their whole lives in study trying to find out what it really said at first. Strong and Young are examples. There must be multiplied hundred more such as Rotherham, Fenton, Green, Wilson, Kittle, Wescott, Hort, etc. Then groups and committees also got together for the same purpose producing such works as Amplified, St Joseph New American, Holy Name, Sacred Name, R.S.V., and numerous Diaglots and Interlinears.

These all prove my point that what we have is corrupted, but all believe that we can get back to the truth through study and illumination of revelation.

Q. Back to the question. Where did ELOAH come from in Psa. 110:1?

A. THE HOLY NAME BIBLE, TRAINA, Scripture Research Association.

Q. Are you saying that it is the best translation?

A. NO! It is good for certain names like YAHWEH, but not for others. The purpose of that translator/writer was to focus our attention on YAHWEH, not other names. However, I believe it is good to use for study and comparison.

Q. Which one tells the whole story?

A. None that I have found yet. However, some people have pointed out to me that the Companion Bible by Erdmans does a good job. I have not had time yet to check it out.

Q. You might get into a lot of trouble with contemporary Christianity by pointing out the corruptions in the transmitted texts of the Bible.

A. I'm not in trouble with students or people who have a thirst for more knowledge of God. It seems to me that the few people who have reacted negatively to a look at the corruptions in the text are people from strongly structured groups who already know all the answers.

Some people are so busy taking care of someone else that they deny the truth. I have never met anyone who said that their faith was destroyed by knowing that the transmitted text was corrupted. The only criticism I have had was from those Christians who were trying to protect other people by denying the truth. I don't think that is the right thing to do.

CREATORS?

Q. How can we be EOLHIM and the children of EL ELYON?

A. Psalm 82:6 declares it to be so. Jesus added emphasis to it in John 10:34 when He said, "Is it not written in your law, I said Ye are gods?" In this case, Jesus said, you are EOLHIM. Remember that ELOHIM is creator. You and I are creators, ELOHIM too. We create in spirit, soul and body realms. So, as creators, we are truly ELOHIM.

I cannot find any scriptures that say that ELOHIM ever destroyed anything. So, I conclude that when you and I act destructively, then we are <u>not</u> ELOHIM. In fact, the Devil is the chief destroyer, so we either act as ELOHIM or conversly we sometimes act like devils.

SING PRAISE TO EL ELYON

Q. Did you say that we should <u>not</u> sing praise to YAHWEH?

A. NO! I quoted, "I will praise YAHWEH according to his righteousness and I will sing praise to the name of YAHWEH ELYON" (Psa. 7:17) and "I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, ELYON" (Psa. 9:2) and "It is a good thing to give thanks unto YAHWEH, and to sing praises unto thy name, ELYON: (Psa. 91:1).

There is nothing in these verses that tells us not to sing to YAHWEH. But there are patterns established which favor articulate thanks to YAHWEH and also singing praise to ELYON.

The point I want to make is that verbal thanks to God (YAHWEH) has been a part of the program of the church for centuries, but I believe that we all have noticed a spontaneous move all over the world of singing praise to God (ELYON) in the spirit, on the part of whole congregations, often without direction from the platform, and especially without selected songs and music, but often a spontaneous release of different words and different tones, but always in perfect harmony. I believe that this phenomenon is a return to a Davidic type worship - and that it is the result of a supernatural leading. The beauty of it is, that no man made it happen. It is a little like the restoration of Pentecost about 1904; it just happened without any man setting it up (or controlling it).

Q. Something leaps inside me when I hear things like that because I've done that and I know what you are talking about.

A. I believe that is the same spirit that raised Christ from the dead - quickening your mortal body (Rom. 8:11).

But the point I'm trying to make is that it is a sign of a subconscious desire to return to a conscious knowledge of EL ELYON.

YAHWEH CONSCIOUSNESS

Q. What do you say to the idea that I've already heard some people say that they want to leave the consciousness of YAHWEH and stay in the knowledge of EL ELYON?

A. I say - THAT'S IGNORANT. That's like saying that you do not want any masculine influence in your life.

Jesus needed a knowledge of the nature of YAHWEH when He overturned the tables in the temple - and when He made a whip of cords.

The Christian life demands a strong backbone that stands up for the right. I think that some people have over reacted against a super YAHWEHistic type spirit of overt masculine control with pushiness, aggressiveness, boldness, loudness, forcefulness and a demand for your own way. Truthfully, I tend to react against an excessive display of that type of spirit myself. But I fully recognize a need for a balanced display of those characteristics.

You can always swing the pendulum too far!

Q. I've heard that the Gnostics said that YAHWEH was a demigod. They say that He fell from the Godhead and became the God of Israel.

A. That is the best example I know of of swinging the pendulum too far! I think that they are deadly wrong. I agree that the YAHWEHistic spirit (consciousness) made the Jews cry, "Stone the woman." But to call YAHWEH a demigod is a deadly error. It could be the reason that the Gnostics disappeared and that the structured church became powerful and produced the voice of Christianity for the world to hear back then.

I would be in deadly fear to minimize the attributes of YAHWEH in any way. YAHWEH is Lord. YAHWEH is God. But YAHWEH without EL SHADDAI is out of balance.