

Wisdom Not Worry
Thursday, April 16, 2020
Psalm 91:2

“I will say of the Lord...”

The third name by which God reveals Himself in Psalm 91 is “Lord.” The actual Hebrew word is YHWH (Yahweh), but because Jews do not want to misuse God’s name, they substitute the name Adonai whenever they see the four letters YHWH. While Yahweh reminds us of God’s faithful love, Adonai speaks to God’s sovereign rule and ownership of all things. To know God as Adonai is to acknowledge Him as Master. Put the two together and the name Yahweh Adonai reveals God to be a faithful, loving Master. If you are going to have a master, having a faithful, loving one makes all the difference.

During the summer months, our oldest son works for a company that maintains pipelines all over the state. From the moment he clocks in, his boss becomes his master. His boss determines where he works, how much he gets paid, what he wears and when he starts and stops. In essence, we might say his boss “owns” him. He sends our son hundreds of miles from home, requires him to share a hotel room with guys we have never met and operate dangerous power equipment he’s never used before in places he’s never been before. With all this uncertainty, you’d think we would be anxious about our son’s summer employment. But we are not. We’ve known his boss for years to be a faithful, loving man of his word. It’s quite a comfort to know that the one in charge is also good!

When faced with uncertainty, what a comfort to know God is *Yahweh Adonai*. In the words of the Heidelberg Catechism, there is no greater comfort than to know we “are not our own but belong, body and soul, in life and in death to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ.”

Grateful
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