

# The Master Of All – Adonai

Deuteronomy 3:24

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In my life there are so many things that are out of my control. This is true for all of us.

One thing is certain: God is Master of All – Yahweh Adonai – the Sovereign Lord.

*Deuteronomy 3:24 (NIV84) “O Sovereign Lord, you have begun to show to your servant your greatness and your strong hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do the deeds and mighty works you do?”*

**There is none other than Yahweh, Adonai – God, Master of All.** Moses is seeking to enter the Promised Land. While Moses was leading the people through the wilderness for forty years there were times when the people would complain. They whined about the living conditions. They grumbled about the food. They protested about the lack of water. Moses had a few moments of frustration that resulted in an outburst. There was one such moment when he slammed his staff against a rock and water flooded out. The staff had been given to Moses by God, but Moses did not recognize God as the one who miraculously caused water to flow out of the rock. As a result God told Moses he would not enter the Promised Land.

All of God’s mighty actions had demonstrated to Moses and all the people that no god described or called upon by humans could compare to the Lord. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the God of creation; the holy and yet relational God is Master of All or Adonai. As the Master of All, Adonai, was truly sovereign over all things, all places, and all people. There is nothing like Adonai. There is no one like Adonai. Nothing can compare to Adonai

As Master of All He rules and reigns in ways that glorify His name. At the mention of His name all other powers and authorities bow with respect and in fear. Adonai, Master of All, rules and reigns with love for His creation, and anger at those who rebel. The Sovereign Lord has the right and the power to rule and reign in whatever way possible.

God is known by His many characteristics. Master of All or Sovereign is one of many. God is Elohim, the who has the strength and power to create everything. God is Yahweh – Jehovah, the Lord who is absolutely unique, but created people for a relationship with Him. God is Adonai, Master of All whose plans are perfect, His purposes will be fulfilled, His will is unquestionable, Sovereign Lord.

No person can be loyal to Adonai and anything else. He is either the Master of All your life, or He is not. He is first and foremost, He cannot be second. He is more glorious than can be imagined. He will not be compared to any other. He will not be exchanged for any other. He will not tolerate infidelity, unfaithfulness, or fickleness.

He is worthy of all devotion. He is worthy of all worship. He is worthy of all praise.

*Isaiah 40:10 (NIV) See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.*

**Yahweh Adonai, the Sovereign Lord, made you and me the reward for His victory.** As the Master of All the Lord has the power to secure every victory. We too often think we are powerless. So many things have power and control in this world where we breathe. So often we have no power or control over what happens around us or to us.

So often we walk from one crisis to the next as though we are victims. As a result we develop attitudes that someone is out to get us. Our thinking looks for a theory to explain why so much evil happens. We believe there is someone manipulating the circumstances for their selfish desires.

We believe that we are on our own. Moses, although he spoke to the Lord about food and the water, did not speak of Lord. His action of striking the rock was his own action. The people believed it was Moses and not the Lord. Instead of bringing people closer to God, He drew attention to himself.

Adonai was building the faith of the people. As their Sovereign Lord they needed to trust Him for the miraculous, spectacular, and the ordinary basic elements of life.

We are never on our own. Yahweh, Elohim is always with those who trust and believe. He is always at work.

Everyone who puts their trust in Adonai is the reward for the victory. We aren't victims but we are the Lord's treasure. We are not on our own, but the Lord treasures us as His own. The victory is already won even when we cannot see it. The battles rage around us as real and dangerous, but we are triumphant by the power of the Master of All. Chaos, uncertainty, and even despair may have its hands upon us. We are made strong by Adonai. We are encouraged by the Sovereign Lord. We are empowered by God.

The victory may not look like the victory we crave. We may look for comfort and absence of conflict. We think we deserve a palace and a crown. We seek luxury, we cry out for justice, we want to be treated with fairness.

The strong arm, the ultimate and complete power of the Lord has already fought the world and won. There is no power like that of Elohim, Yahweh, Adonai. He cannot be defeated. He cannot be overcome. He cannot be conquered.

He looks at and lives with all those who trust Him as the Master of All. His love for each one of us is incomparable. He adores and cherishes everyone of us. Adonai wants even those who rebel against Him, who go their own way, who seek their own power to trust Him. He loves them as He loves those who cherish Him.

*Isaiah 50:4–9 (NIV) The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.*

**When we trust Yahweh Adonai, the Sovereign Lord, the world cannot defeat us.** Open your ears. Pray for your ears to be opened. The Lord is speaking. He is teaching you everything you need to know. When you hear what God is teaching you, standing firm in your faith will be your mantra. When you wake up in the morning ask the Sovereign Lord to open your ears. As you rise from your slumber be ready for the Master of All to instruct you. While you move throughout your day Adonai will guide your path.

Our willingness to hear and follow God's teaching keeps us from rebellion. We are empowered to step out in faith. We are able to face the attacks of our enemies. Those who want to beat us with their words and their lies cannot defeat us. Those who want to bring harm to our face will not overcome us. Those who spread false accusations and hurl insults at us will not keep us from God's plans, God's purposes, and God's will.

It is the Sovereign Lord who has set us on a path. He is leading us to where He wants us to go, to be filled with His knowledge. It is Yahweh Adonai who has determined what is good and right. He has decided where we are going and what we need to do. He is our help. He is our strength. He gives the wisdom we need. He provides the resources we need. He is the Master of All.

An attitude of consistently listening and constantly learning leads us to the Lord's victories. Whatever your enemies call victories and insults are meaningless. Whatever our accusers say or do is hallow and empty. Whatever the doubters claim, we have the truth.

There is no greater authority than Yahweh Adonai. There is none with the wisdom of the Sovereign Lord. There is no one who compares to our God. We move, we breathe, we live by His commands. We are undeterred, we are inspired, we are victorious.

Isaiah spoke these words about the Messiah. Jesus fulfilled these words. We can stand firmly upon the work of Jesus.

*Isaiah 61:1–3 (NIV) The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.*

**Since Yahweh Adonai, the Sovereign Lord, is within us, our function is to glorify His name.** Jesus, the Messiah, accomplished all of this. Jesus quoted this passage as He began His ministry. He knew that He was the Messiah. He knew His mission was to bring glory to the Father. He is Adonai, Yahweh, Elohim, Sovereign Lord, and Savior all in one. All that was spoken about Him, He fulfilled. All that He did was according to the sovereign plan of the Lord, Master of All. It was His plan.

Everyone who believes Jesus is Lord – Yahweh, Elohim, Adonai, Messiah, Savior has been set free from sin. We are empowered, commissioned, and sent out to glorify His name. We have been healed, set free, comforted, crowned, and planted to declare His splendor. We live and breathe because He saved us by dying on that cross. We move and speak because He rose from the dead. He is living with all those who trust Him.

The Spirit of Adonai Yahweh, the Sovereign Lord lives within us. The same God who created Adam and Eve is within us. The same God who called Abraham, Moses, Jacob, David, and the prophets is within us. The same God is calling us to bring glory to His name. He is worthy.

Let Sovereign Lord use you for His glory. The Lord is Master of all of His creation. Nothing happens without Him knowing. Nothing happens that he cannot use for His glory.

There are no accidents in the plans of the Sovereign Lord. There are no mistakes in the purposes of Adonai. There are no issues He cannot overcome.

Trust Adonai, the Sovereign Lord, Jesus in every situation and you will find that He is being glorified. Give thanks to Adonai, the Sovereign Lord, Jesus regardless of the circumstances and you will find that He is being glorified. Praise Adonai, the Sovereign Lord, Jesus whenever you can and you will find that He is being glorified.

The Lord is master over all the past, the present, and the future. Stop thinking about what happened yesterday and the day before. Don't give another thought to what if's or what could have been. See what happened, own your sins by confessing them, leave them with the one who forgave them – Jesus.

Stop trying to control what is going on right now. Don't let the present moment be so filled with fear, doubt, and worry that you miss seeing what Jesus, the Sovereign Lord, Adonai is doing right now. Look for His guiding hand, notice the His touch on your soul, be aware that He is within. Speak His name. Call out to Him. Give thanks. He is speaking and working.

Stop all your efforts to dictate what will happen next. Don't become obsessed with what you want. See that He has every step planned before you need to take it. Walk by faith. Rejoice with faith. Proclaim Jesus as the Sovereign Lord of your life.

This Lord wants each one of us to surrender completely to Him. Adonai, the Sovereign Lord, Jesus is the Master of all. He wants you to let Him lead your life. He wants to guide your footsteps. He wants to give you peace. He wants to inspire you.

You have to surrender to Him. You have to give yourself to Him. You have to trust Him. Are you ready?