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FOR THE SOWER --- ISAIAH 55:10 --- FOR THE EATER
BRIEF BIBLICAL MESSAGE
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THE LORD JESUS IS JEHOVAH

In order to qualify as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ one must believe the record God has given of His Son. To believe in the Lord Jesus Christ is to believe what the Bible says concerning Him. The central and most important feature of divine revelation in regard to Him is that the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Lord Jesus Christ of the New Testament. There is no fact concerning the man Christ Jesus that is declared more emphatically or that is set forth in more detail than that He is Jehovah.

In spite of this preponderance of testimony, a denomination that calls itself "Jehovah's Witnesses" is most aggressive in the denial of this great Biblical fact. However, in their house to house canvassing they seldom come upon one who is familiar with all the facts of scripture bearing on this great truth, and this results in many triumphs for them over these ignorant ones. This situation demands that the facts should be made known, so, "To the law and to the testimony: If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them:" Isa. 8:20.

In examining the evidence the student will need to remember that every time he comes upon the name LORD in the King James Version spelled out in capital letters, that this represents the Hebrew word *Yahweh* which we translate *Jehovah*, He will also need to note that due to an extreme (but mistaken) reverence for the ineffable name "Yahweh" the ancient custodians of the sacred text, the Massorites, substituted in 134 places the name *Adonai*. The Companion Bible gives a complete list of these (Appendix 32). They committed no sin in doing this as it was merely the substitution of one name of God (*Adonai*) for another (*Yahweh*).

In Genesis 15:2,8 Abraham twice called Jehovah (The One who spoke to him) "Lord GOD", which in the Hebrew reads *Adonai Jehovah*, This

presents a great difficulty for those who try to tell us that Jehovah refers only to "the Father," and Adonai refers only to "the Son", This bit of misinformation is constantly being thrown out by those whose conversation shows that they have never made a personal study of the Hebrew titles given to the Deity. Even a superficial acquaintance with the use of these names in Scripture would show that such an idea is impossible. Can we deduce from the two passages cited above that two distinct beings or personalities dealt with Abraham? Certainly not! The titles Jehovah and Adonai are so inextricably interwoven that no one with knowledge would think of applying them to two separate beings. They are many times used in combination; the prophet Ezekiel alone does so almost two hundred times. In Isaiah 6:1-3 the prophet declares: **In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims; each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain did he fly. And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD (Jehovah) of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.**

This vision was so overpowering that it caused Isaiah to cry out: **"Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD (Jehovah) of hosts."** Isa. 6:5.

Thus in verse one the prophet says, "I saw the Lord" (*Adonai*), and in verse five he says, "Mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD (Jehovah) of hosts." This presents an insuperable difficulty to those who would tell us that these two names represent two different beings, since they show that Jehovah and Adonai are one and the same.

In John 12:38 to 41 a part of this passage is quoted and it is declared that this was a vision of the glory of Christ; **"These things said Esaias (Isaiah), when he saw His glory, and spake of Him."** (John 12:41).

In Isaiah 40:3 the prophet speaks of the preparation of a path for Jehovah. "Prepare ye the way of the LORD (Jehovah)", are his stirring words. Seven hundred years later John the Baptist adopts this passage, applies it to himself as the forerunner and to the preparation for the public appearance of the Lord Jesus. See Matt. 3:3 and John 1:23. Truly the One whom Isaiah spoke about (Jehovah) is the One who John heralded (Jesus).

Again in Isaiah, in a passage that begins with the majestic words, "**Thus saith the LORD (Jehovah) that created the heavens, God (Elohim) that formed the earth and made it**" (Isa. 45:18), Jehovah the Creator declares that "**unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear**" (Isa. 45: 23). This is a part of His future glory-the honoring of One who repeatedly declares that "**My glory will I not give to another**" (Isa. 42: 8). Yet in Philippians 2:9-11 it is declared of the one who died "the death of the cross";

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of *Jesus* every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that *Jesus* Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

What else can "Lord" mean in this passage except Jehovah? The universal confession that is yet to be made is that Jesus Christ is Jehovah, a confession that is forced upon men by the unveiling of Jesus Christ. Some of us willingly confess this now.

The "Jehovah Witness" people claim that they find their name in Isaiah 43:10,12, and 44:8. If so one would think that these witnesses would be patently familiar with everything declared in these two chapters, also with those chapters which form the context, chapters 42 and 45. However, in conversation with quite a few of them I have found them to be ignorant of this quartet of chapters as a whole and to have very little interest in what is said in them outside of the three small fragments they use for their name. Yet, these four chapters contain some of the greatest declarations to be found in Scripture. Consider these words:

"Thus saith God the LORD (Jehovah Elohim), He that created the heavens, and stretched them out, He that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; He that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I am the LORD (Jehovah): that is My name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images." Isa. 42:5,8.

Ye are My witnesses, saith the LORD (Jehovah), and My servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the LORD (Jehovah); and beside Me there is no Savior. Isa. 43: 10-11.

Thus saith the LORD (Jehovah) the King of Israel, and His redeemer the LORD (Jehovah) of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last: and beside Me there is no God. Fear ye not, neither be afraid; have not I told thee from that time and declared it? ye are even My witnesses. Is there a God beside Me? yea, there is no God; I know not any. Isa. 44 :6,8.

Thus saith the LORD (Jehovah), thy redeemer, and He that formed - thee from the womb, I am the LORD (Jehovah) that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone, that spreadeth abroad the earth by Myself. Isa. 44:24.

I am the LORD (Jehovah), and there is none else, there is no God beside Me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside Me. I am the LORD (Jehovah) and there is none else. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even My hands have stretched out the heavens, and all their hosts have I commanded. Isa. 45 :5,6,12.

Who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; there is none beside Me. look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God and there is none else. I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return. That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Isa. 45 :21-23.

The above passages should be read carefully once again noting exactly what Jehovah declares concerning Himself. He declares that He is the Creator of the heavens, the earth, all that comes out of it and man upon it. He declares that

He is the maker of all things, that
He alone stretched forth the heavens, that
He spread abroad the earth by Himself, that
He acted alone in the creation.

Therefore, when we are told by the Spirit of God in John 1:3 that the Word, the very Word who became flesh, made all things and "**without Him**

was not any thing made that was made", only one conclusion is possible. The One set forth as the Creator in Isaiah is the One set forth as Creator in John. Jehovah is Jesus.

Jehovah proclaims that He is the redeemer of Israel, yet in the New Testament redemption is predicated over and over again to the Lord Jesus, the Christ in whom we have redemption through His blood" (Eph. 1:7). Surely Jesus is Jehovah.

It is the word of Jehovah that He alone is God, that there is none beside Him, that there is none like Him, that before Him there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Him. Yet in spite of these declarations the "Jehovah Witnesses" would explain away the explicit statement found in John 1:1 that "the Word was God" by inserting the indefinite article and saying that Jesus was **a** God. This cannot be true for it results in a second God who is not Jehovah. Jesus and Jehovah are one and the same God.

Jehovah declares three times that beside Him there is no Savior. Isa. 43:11, 45:21, Hos. 13:4. And yet the angels declared at the birth of Jesus that a Savior had been born which is Christ the Lord. These words can mean nothing but "Messiah Jehovah". Jesus cannot be a Savior unless He is Jehovah.

Jehovah declares that He is the "First and the Last". All must agree that there cannot be two firsts and two lasts. How can it be then that the resurrected Jesus declares in Revelation 1:11, 17, 18 that He is "the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last". There is no way this could possibly be true unless the speaker Himself is Jehovah.

Jehovah declares that there is none like Him, none to whom He can be likened, none equal to Him, Yet the Lord Jesus declared that those who had seen Him had seen the Father, that those who knew Him knew the Father, that men should honor Him even as they honored the Father. John 5:23, 8:19, 14:7,9. Paul declares that Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God. Not one word of this can be true if Jesus is not Jehovah.

Again, I repeat, there is no fact that is declared more emphatically or that is set forth in more detail than that the Lord Jesus' is Jehovah. This is the record God has given. Salvation becomes ours when we believe the record God has given of His Son.

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