**R992 Rumination for Jan. 28, 2024**

The **T**heme:**The Lordship of Christ** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *For whether we live, we live unto the* ***Lord****; and whether we die, we die unto the* ***Lord****:*

*whether we live therefore, or die, we are the* ***Lord’s****. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived,*

*that He might be* ***Lord*** *both of the dead and living.* Rom. 14:8, 9

The **T**hots:

1. **The Attestation to Christ’s Lordship in the Scriptures.**
2. The Fact **D**efined.
3. The **U**ses of the Word “*Lord*”
4. Its **O**rigin (Gk. *kurios*) = owner, master, emperor, king, etc.
5. Its **O**nly Translation – Heb. *Jehovah*; Gk. *kurios* in LXX and always rendered ***lord***;

Hence, “*Lord jesus”* cf. *The Lord said unto my Lord*, *Sit Thou at My right hand*. Psa. 110:1

1. The **U**sage of the Word.
2. First **S**ignificant Use - *And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My* ***Lord*** *and my God.* Jn. 20:28
3. Other **S**ubsequent Uses – exclusively used of the Lord except Acts 10:4; Rev. 7:14
4. Its **S**uperseding Use – as used only of Christ.
5. The Fact **D**eclared.
6. **A**ccepted by Christ - *Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.* Jn. 13:13
7. **A**ffirmed in the Resurrection – *For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived,*

 *that He might be Lord both of the dead and living.* Rom.14:9

1. **A**ppointed by God – *God hath made that same Jesus…both Lord and Christ* Acts 2:36; Rom. 1:3f
2. **A**dmitted by Thomas - *And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God.* Jn. 20:28
3. **A**ttested to by Peter - *…preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)* Acts 10:36
4. **A**verred to in the Scriptures – …*the second man is the Lord from heaven.* I Cor. 15:47
5. **The Acceptance of Christ’s Lorship in our Sanctification.**

Intro. Sanctify the Lord as applied to **J**ehovah – *Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself…* Isa. 8:13

 Sanctify the Lord as applied to **J**esus - *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:* I Pet. 3:15

1. Christ’s Lordship in **S**alvation.
2. It must be so in Salvat**ion** – *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,* … Acts 16:31
3. It must be so in Confess**ion** – *if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved*. Rom. 10:9, NRSV
4. Christ’s Lordship in **S**anctifica**tion** - …*sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready*

*always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you…* I Pet. 3:15

1. It **C**ommences with **S**urrender at Birth - *Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?*  Acts 9:6
2. It **C**ontinues with **S**ubmission in Life - N*one of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.*

*For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord:*

*whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s*. Rom. 14:7, 8

1. It **C**ulminates in the **S**overeignty of Christ – *That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, Which in His times He shall shew, Who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;* I Tim. 6:13-15; Phil. 2:11
2. Christ’s Lordship in **S**ervice. I Pet. 3:15
3. It is the **T**opic of **P**reach**ing** – *For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord*… II Cor. 4:5
4. It is the **T**heme of the **P**eople’s Gather**ing** – *One Lord, one faith, one baptism…* Eph. 4:5; Col. 1:18
5. It is the **T**hought in Livi**ng** – *For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.* Rom. 14:28
6. *For whether we live, we live unto the Lord –* Our **P**rime Motiva**tion**.
7. *and whether we die, we die unto the Lord –* Our **P**erpetual **P**rotec**tion**
8. *whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s. –* Our Lord’s **P**ersonal **P**ossession*.*
9. **The Application of Christ’s Lordship in Submission.**
10. What True Lordship **IS NOT.**
11. It is not the Negat**ive** Confess**ion** of His Name – *Peter said, Not so, Lord;* Acts 10:14
12. It is not the Object**ive** Profess**ion** of His Name – Lk. 6:46

*And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*

1. It is not Act**ive** Participa**tion** in His Name – Mt. 7:21-23

*Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.*

1. What True Lordship **IS** – I Pet; 3:13-17
2. The Complete**ly** **I**mplicit Obedience to His **W**ill at all Times. 3:14 cf. Christ, 3:17
3. The Seeming**ly** **I**rrational Obedience to His **W**ord at Times. v. 16 cf. v. 15
4. The Consistent**ly** **I**rrefutable Life of Obedience to His **W**ays every Time. v. 17

*O Jesus,* ***Lord and Savior,*** *I give myself to Thee,*

*For Thou, in Thy atonement, Didst give Thyself for me.*

*I own no other master, My heart shall be Thy throne.*

*My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.*

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK. R.992**

1. Compare Jesus as Saviour and Jesus as Lord.

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| **a.** | **Jesus As Saviour…** | **b. Jesus As Lord…** | **c. Jesus as Saviour and Sovereign Lord…** |
|  | **L**ooses us from **S**in | **L**eads us. | **L**ives in us; |
|  | **O**pens (the door) of **S**alvation to us. |  Demands **O**bedience. | **O**rders our Way; |
|  | **R**edeems us from **S**lavery to **S**in. | **R**ules over us. | **R**egulates our Actions; |
|  | **D**elivers us from **S**atan | **D**irects us. | **D**ictates His Will for us. |
| **We have a LORD who Saves and a Saviour Who LORDS!** |

**Is He your Savior and Lord? REFLECT**

1. Is it in the Scheme of Salvation that one accepts Jesus first as Saviour and then only subsequently on a later date as Lord? The Lordship of Christ is only owned after a person has professed to be a Christian for a certain period of time. This seems to be taught or believed to be so in many Christian circles – discipleship is a subsequent experience in Christian life and not simultaneous with the confession of salvation.

Yet, the Scriptures do not appear to teach so.

Paul (at that time, Saul) on the road to Damascus was Confronted by the Lord and Challenged to Change his ways not to persecute His people.

The Lord Confronted him thus,

Acts 9:5, 6 – *And he* (Saul) *said, Who art thou,* ***Lord****? And the* ***Lord*** *said, I am Jesus whom Thou persecutes…And he trembling and astonished said,* ***Lord****, what wilt Thou have me to do? And the* ***Lord*** *said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*

Later, when Saul, the Persecutor of those in the Way, became the Preacher of the Word, and consequently was thrown into Prison, and became a Prisoner for Christ, was miraculously freed by an earthquake. He then confronted his jailer who wanted to commit suicide because he thought that all his prisoners had escaped thus, (Acts 16:28-31) …*Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the* ***Lord*** *Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house*. Acts 16:31.

Later when Paul wrote to the Roman Church, he reminded them of the essence of the Gospel and what it was to believe in Jesus. He stated clearly and firmly, for a person to be saved, *thou shalt confess with thy mouth the* ***Lord*** *Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

This statement is better translated in the New Revised Standard Version: *if you confess with your lips that* ***Jesus is Lord*** *and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved*. (Ron. 10:9, NRSV).

In fact, that was precisely the angelic announcement at the birth of Jesus as recorded in Lk. 2:10, 11 – *And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David* ***a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord****.*

Indeed, the Saviourhood of Christ and his Lordship over our life should ever be our simultaneous confession when we come to Jesus to Confess Him as our Saviour from Sin. However, let us note that the Lordship of Christ is not a mere profession. Even at the time of our Lord, there were such cases which meant nothing at all. For instance, the Lord challenged those who professed His Lordship,

“*And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*” (Lk. 6:46)

He demanded a sincere confession from His own for indeed He is Lord –

*“Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.”* (Jn. 13:13)

What does the Lordship of Christ mean to you? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** Remember: *He is not Lord at All, if He is not Lord of All!*