



How to protect the sacred name of YHWH?

We have often heard that we should use the sacred name opposed to God, Lord and Jesus, however that is only one side of the story but what is not taught by the majority of the sacred name groups so far as I know that if you use the most holy name how to protect it also which many in this movement have failed to do.

In many places we have been told His name e.g. Exo 15:3, Ps 83:18 and Isa 42:8. We have been told to extol his name Ps 7:17, Ps 23:3, Ps 29:2, Ps 33:21 and in many other places where we are to glorify and adore His name. Note the name is freely used in worship and not just thrown around outside the camp.

I was rather disturbed that in this movement some leaders are so stuck up and arrogant about using the most holy name that they put other people down and make fun of those using Jesus or God.

These same leaders seldom remember to mention that there are times when you should not be using the sacred name! It is apparent to me that many of these leaders do not yet have this revelation. This is why it is said a little truth can be dangerous and can cause many to fall.

Recently some friends contacted me with concern that ever since we started using the sacred name everything seems to have stopped like a suspension, business is not progressing ahead, failing relationships, problem in friendships, what is going on? Are we being attacked? This of course is always going to be understood as an attack until we begin to understand what uttering the sacred name means.

This is the reason why this article came about.

Most sacred name advocates would tell you that you are being attacked by Satan. Nothing could be further from the truth. Why would Satan attack you for using the sacred name, why wouldn't he attack you for using Lord, God or some other appellation?

The reason is simple, the most sacred name of the four letters Yud, Heh, Wav and Heh pronounced Yah-oo-weh or in the other variant forms by various people such as Yah-oo-wah or Yahueh is not being protected. What does not protecting it mean?

When the name is not being protected it brings about what I can only term divine suspension or divine wrath upon the user. By divine wrath I do not mean that the most Holy One is going to strike you down dead. He is happy that you use His name but He is un-

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happy that you misuse it and do not know when to utter it and when not to utter it and replace it with a title instead. There are times it is better to use titles such as Lord, Adonai, Ha'shem etc.

Now I am going to say something that I am sure many sacred namer's would vilify me for. Can we use the term LORD and many will instantly say nope, no way. My answer in fact is yes we can, it's a perfectly legit title and an endeared one at that.

Now Let us see if we can get that answer from scriptures and then you will understand if the answer is really yes or no to use titles such as Lord, Adonai (which also means my Lord).

1 John 2:4

He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, [Keep Torah] is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

The Hebrew term for Lord, which is Adon, in modern Israel is used as a title for Mr. The term my Lord is Adonai. It would be wrong to play gymnastics with languages, which many are guilty of. In the national language of Pakistan, which is Urdu the term for the Lord is Malik and it can apply to a man of wealth, stature or more correctly can apply to a king. Either way we know that the term Lord in English also applies to a wealthy landowner, the judiciary but generally in England this applies to judges in the courtroom too.

Is YHWH a judge? Indeed he is. Let me show you.

-- New King James

Psalms 82:1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods.

Note other people are called gods or Elohim in the Hebrew.

How much more to the King of Kings, who is The mighty Judge among judges?

Let us visit Abraham the father of our faith and see if he ever used the term Lord.

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Genesis 15:2 But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

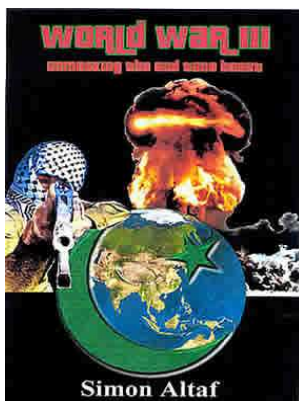
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Beresheeth (Gen) 15:2 But Abram said, Adon אֲדֹנָי (YAH) אֵלֵאֱלֹהִים, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my bayit (house) is El'ezer of Damascus?

Note our father Abraham used the title Adon which translates to Lord or Master in the English language. This particular title is one of endearment, perfectly good to use and one also good to use to protect the most holy name when you are unclean or in an ritually unfit state to use it.

Let us see how the creator of the earth refers to Himself

God was talking to Job!



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Iyob (Job) 40:2 Shall he that contend with the Almighty instruct him? He that reproves Eloah, let him answer it.

The term Eloah translated 'God' in the KJV has been used as a title for many false deities, yet YHWH had no problem applying it to himself.

So who dares reprove Adonai the Lord God of Israel?

The prophets knew how to protect the name from misuse and blasphemy while many need to learn this truth today.

The much loved prophet Daniel look who he glorifies!

-- King James

Dan 2:20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God (Elaha) for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

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Note Daniel uses the term Elaha, which is the Aramaic appellation to mean God yet the term was used to apply to false deities in Iraq and all surrounding regions at that time.

Daniel visits Nebuchadnezzar

-- King James

Dan 2:28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

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Dani'el 2:28 But there is Elaha in the shamayim (heavens) that reveals secrets, and makes known to the king Nebukadnetzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, are these;

How come the prophet Daniel did not argue like the sacred namers do today and he used a title instead that was applied to false gods in the region? It may not be obvious but Nebu the prefix to Nebuchadnezzar's name was the false god Nebu.

Its clear that Daniel knew YHWH's sacred name as this name was used in the book of Daniel but he

protected the name in front of the king so it would not be defiled!

So what can we understand from this incident? We understand that we should protect the name and not utter it all the times because it is also supposed to be protected.

The time to protect it

If you are in an unclean state and there are many times that you could be in an ritually unclean/unfit state then you should not utter the most holy name. The chances are you will bring wrath or curse against yourself rather than blessing so be warned for next time's sake.

Is it ok to use the term Lord? According to the our father Abraham yes. According to Daniel the prophet yes. These are my two witnesses but there are others.

For those who may not fully understand but the New Testament does talk about laws that are to keep us ritually clean. They are not done away at all.

The trouble is this that many sacred name people do not mean bad and are good people but some leaders in this movement are bent with an agenda.

Therefore, one should be careful how you act on this advise of the sacred name.

If you have had problems as I described above like your business folding, your relationships breaking down, your friends turning against you then the problem may not necessarily be that you are using the sacred name but that you are not protecting it hence the judgment quietly taking place and you being oblivious to this reality.

Let the Spirit of God that is within you discern these type of bad leaders who lead people into error.

Now that I used the term God it should make it clear if we can use this term or not. You will not find two witnesses in scripture banning the use of God. Yes we are aware this title was applied to false deities but then so was Alaha but Daniel did not have a problem using it so neither do I.

Simple rule of thumb

If a proper name such as Allah is applied to a false deity then it should be avoided else it can be used, if it was or is only a title. We know Allah is not a title but a proper name.

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The name Ganesh (an Indian god the one with the elephant head) should be avoided too since this also is a proper name and not a title.

However we can use the title Rab which means the Greatest as that is legitimate and can apply to YHWH with no problem whatsoever.

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If you are ritually unclean such as touching the dead, touched a carcass or ritually unclean because you slept with your wife then you should not use the sacred name but use a title instead. This would be better than to defile the name. If you are not sure don't use it but use caution instead.

You may ask where do I get this idea from? I get it from the Torah and its very scriptural! The Jewish people apply this and are correct to work it like this:

-- King James

Lev 10:10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;

We as priests must learn to put a difference between what is holy and unholy.

Is the sacred name holy? Yes. Then why are we not teaching people to put a difference on how to use it? Since Judah is the lawgiver they have already put a difference so we come to agreement with them on its use, in assembly it is IN and outside with the nations it is OUT unless that person you are greeting outside like Boaz is one of your own.

-- King James

Ruth 2:4 And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The Lord be with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless thee.

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Root (Ruth) 2:4 And, behold, Boaz came from Beyth-lechem (Bethlehem), and said to the harvesters, אַיִן be with you. And they answered him, אַיִן bless you.

The sacred name is to be used in worship and praise freely, you can use it from one believer to another as in a greeting such as YHWH bless you or YHWH be with you the same as Boaz but it is not to be given freely to the nations unless they have come to faith because they may potentially defile it inadvertently, this is to protect them using Lev 10:10 and to protect yourselves.

Let's look at what the Lord says in about Israel's behavior in the nations.

-- New King James

Ezekiel 22:26 "Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.

This is one of the sins of Israel and many still continue in it not putting a difference between the clean and the unclean!

Let us say that you were in a situation where you had ten people in a discussion and you were trying to give a message of the holy One of Israel, then at that particular situation it is important not to speak the name because the chances are that any one of the people in anger could potentially make a mockery of the sacred name, which would ultimately bring that person under instance judgment and defiles the name

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at the same time putting you in risk too. On the other hand if you were witnessing to people and you used the sacred name for someone who freely knew what the term God means but then you would first have to spend about fifteen minutes to explain what the sacred name means and then the man or woman has no knowledge of how to protect the name then why would you even use it the first time. It makes no sense and is illogical. It is simpler to use the term God the generic title and introduce him to the name after.

This means in evangelism this is not the magic bullet and needs to be used with caution.

And this is not all look what God tells us we will be calling Him in the future.

-- King James

Hosea 2:16 And it shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali.

So Ishi is as an endeared title to be used in the future. This would be My Lord in English but Ishi in Hebrew or My Husband. In English it does not sound all that endearing does it but in Hebrew it does. Then you might say but does not Baal mean Lord also. So then how could He be saying that I will take the title Lord away from you but you will call me my Lord still. This is a fair argument until you read the next verse then one understands what He is saying:

-- King James

Hosea 2:17 For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

From verse 17 it is apparent that the Lord is saying that He will take away the names of false gods that are in our mouths and that we use freely for now. Such as Allah is used freely by Arabic Christians but it is a proper name of the Muslim deity.

There are Indian Christians who use the local Hindu deity names freely to apply to the God of Israel, these will be removed from their mouths one day.

These are only some of the reasons but there are a lot of other factors so please be careful to protect the name as you use it. Use it but do not abuse it or profane it by ignorance.

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The Anti-Messiah holding no regard for Women—Dan 11:37

A lot of teachers and people in Christendom have incorrectly concluded that the Anti-Messiah will be some type of homosexual or perhaps have some deviant behaviour about him. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The text that Christendom uses to make this erroneous conclusion does not say that at all. In fact what the text says is completely different and we will examine this shortly. But see the following text from where it was concluded by some that he worships one God meaning that he must be a Jew and also he may have a deviant behavioural issue.

-- King James

Daniel 11:37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

Many also concluded by this that the anti-Messiah must be a Jew and by this they have been fixated with a pope who must be Jewish. We can see even in this the accusation is really levelled against the Jews of having deviant behaviour and sadly this has been used to perhaps malign the Jews once again. We know that this is not by all Christians but by some who hate the Jews. I assure you they will struggle to find a place in the world to come. Wanton hatred will be dealt with by the God of Israel with a very severe judgment. When the North country of Israel known as the House of Israel wanted to impose its own king in Judah and was planning to attack and overtake the land of Judea and to control the Temple, they way we know God dealt with those that belonged to Israel was to cast them out. How much more casting out will he do to those who hate the custodians of our faith and the lawgivers.

Let us look at the more accurate translation of the AF Nazarene Hebraic Study Bible to know if Daniel says what many have understood.

Dani'el 11:37 Neither shall he regard the Elohai (mighty ones) of his ahvot (fathers), nor the desire of women of leading worship, nor regard any Eloah: for he shall magnify himself above all.

When we read this translation it become crystal clear that the Anti-Messiah indeed worships a singular God, we know from other texts in the scriptures that this is indeed Allah and that he does not worship the gods the word 'Elohai' is plural for multiple or a pantheon of deities, which his forefathers the Arabs worshipped in the Ka'aba. The Anti-Messiah will not do the same. He will do two things. He will worship Allah and he will not regards women in religious circles the thrust of the passage and the context is he will not allow women to lead worship. Now let us apply this to other religions: As you know most other religions of the world have women priests that includes Christendom nominating and making women Pastors and now the title bishop is also up for grabs and the western women as usual fighting over to acquire this right.

Even Judaism makes women Rabbis amongst the liberal thought of Judaism however the main two sects of Islam that is both Sunni and Shia do not permit women to be clerics. This is unheard of in its history. We know that certain Muslim women in the west have tried to lead worship of the faithful Muslims and subsequently we have found that many death threats have been levelled against them and they have pretty much tried to keep out of the eyes of Muslims clerics.

Let us now briefly examine how Islam sees women to get an idea of the thrust of Daniel's text and to understand what it means to be a woman in Islamic culture. We will look at the Islamic traditions to understand this;

The position of women in Islam

Sahih Bukhari

Volume 7, Book 62, Number 33:

Narrated Usama bin Zaid:

The Prophet said, "After me I have not left any affliction more harmful to men than women."

Sahih Bukhari

Volume 7, Book 62, Number 126:

Narrated Imran:

The Prophet said, "I looked at Paradise and saw that the majority of its residents were the poor; and I looked at the (Hell) Fire and saw that the majority of its residents were women."

This is narrated by Aisha one of Muhammad's wives.

Sahih Bukhari

Volume 1, Book 9, Number 490:

Narrated 'Aisha:

The things which annul the prayers were mentioned before me. They said, "Prayer is annulled by a dog, a donkey and a woman (if they pass in front of

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the praying people)." I said, "You have made us (i.e. women) dogs. I saw the Prophet praying while I used to lie in my bed between him and the Qibla Whenever I was in need of something, I would slip away. for I disliked to face him."

So from these it should be quite clear that Muslims do not see women at all heads or heads in any religious authority.

Lastly I would like to point out one thing about Islamic nations so that we do not make a mistake regarding women:

Women are treated quite fairly in Islamic culture, what I mean by fairly is that they are not abused but religious rights are not conferred upon women. Many people may extrapolate incorrect information from the traditions of Islam but I can tell you categorically that when I was brought up in Islam I never saw my mother being abused by my father and did not see my uncles or aunties being abused either so the idea that Muslims beat their wives black and blue is simply not true. In fact if I be honest with you there is more abuse of women in the west than in Islam! However in certain situations in the Arab world certain rights of women get suppressed and the reason is obvious that the Muslim authorities have always had a fear of women.

I hope this article will help to at least explain where Daniel the prophet was speaking about.

So to reiterate the point the Anti-Messiah worships the god of jihad and also gives him annual tributes which the Muslims religious requires called Zakat.

-- King James

Daniel 11:38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

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Dani'el 11:38 But in his place he shall honour the elaha (power) of strongholds: and an elaha (power) whom his ahvot (fathers) did not know; he shall honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

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Matthew 28:19 Go therefore, and make disciples of all nation, mikvahing (Immersing) them in My Name.

Do you love Yahushua?

John 14:15 If you love me, OBEY My commandments. (This means keep the Torah of Moses)

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