

Intimate, satisfying prayer comes from knowing God. Get to know Him better by considering His names.

God is *Adonai*. Lord. Master. Owner.

When you pray to *Adonai* . . .

Acknowledge that *you are not your own; you were bought at a price*—the blood of Jesus (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Ask what His plans are. And then listen. *I know, Lord, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for a man to direct his steps* (Jeremiah 10:23).

Humbly submit to Him. When Mary learned *Adonai's* plan she said, *"I am the Lord's servant, may it be to me as you have said.* (Luke 1:38)."

Determine to obey Him because a Master demands obedience. *Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say* (Luke 6:46)?

Remember that as a slave you have a right to *Adonai's* protection and help. Abraham knew this as he was a master who had bondservants, so he prayed, *"Lord, What can you give me?* (Genesis 15:2)."

Believe that *Adonai* is a merciful Master. *As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master. . . so our eyes look to the Lord, till he shows us mercy* (Psalm 123:2).

Never forget that God alone is your Master. Daniel was a captive in a foreign land, but he knew God, not the king, was his *Adonai*. He prayed, *"Lord, listen! O Lord, hear and act!* (Daniel 9:19)."