

Lesson 178: Walking with Jesus - Part 10 (Only Worship God)

Scripture: Genesis 1-3

Verse: 1 Timothy 1:17 "To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

God is Lord

God created people in His own image, which means that we all were given an everlasting spirit, like God has. We were designed to be with God, reason like God, and Love and enjoy God forever. But above all, we **were created to be in relationship with God worshipping Him as Lord**. That is why God's first commandment that He gave Moses is "I am the Lord your God." The word *Lord* means: Master, Ruler or King.

In the Garden of Eden, God lovingly demonstrated that He is the BEST Ruler we could ever hope for; No one could make a better Lord, than God, who loved Adam and Eve like a FATHER. He walked and talked with them in the garden, spending time with them enjoying the creation He had made and enjoying Adam and Eve's pleasure in it. The garden was a perfectly beautiful place with everything Adam and Eve could have ever wanted to be happy and content.

God knew what was best for Adam and Eve, and for their good, He told them NOT to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But sometime later, Satan deceived Eve by convincing her that God was a **bad ruler** for forbidding them from eating the fruit. Satan told her that eating the fruit would make them gods, so they could be masters of their own lives.

People want to be Lord

So both Adam and Eve exchanged God's perfect truth for a lie and ate the fruit. They chose NOT to obey God as Lord. Because of that, sin entered the world and Satan became lord of Adam and Eve and **ALL their descendants!**

Adam and Eve were wrong to think they could rule over themselves. The truth is that no one can be their own ruler. **People are ruled either by God or Satan**, and without Jesus' work on the cross, we would all be hopeless slaves of Satan.

Jesus, who IS God, is Lord or Lords and King of Kings

God showed His UNMATCHABLE worthiness to be ruler of our lives by sending His own son to die for us on the Cross to save us from the penalty of sin and rescue us out of our slavery to Satan. Jesus is the only person in the history of the world who did not have a sin nature because He was not a descendent of Adam; but was actually God's own Son. This allowed Jesus to be sacrificed on the cross as our perfect substitute, "a lamb without blemish or defect." (1 Peter 1:17-19)

When God raised Jesus from the dead, He placed Him over all things, "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all." (Ephesians 1:21-23) And anyone who turns from sin, and confesses Jesus as Lord, will have a restored Loving relationship with God the Father!

That is why Jesus affirmed that the Greatest Command is to Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength (Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Luke 10:25-28, Mark 12:28-31), which is to Make Him Lord over ALL.