

# The Lordship of Jesus Christ

*Introduction: What does "Lord" mean?*

Gen. 1:26	And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have <b>dominion</b> over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.	<i>dominion</i> = "lordship" (Latin) <i>dominus</i> = "lord" (Latin) <i>domus</i> = "house"
Gen. 2:4	These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the <b>LORD</b> God made the earth and the heavens,	LORD = English rendering of Hebrew Tetragrammaton יהוה (Jod He Vav He), "JEHOVAH". This is not a title, but a name.
Gen. 15:2	And Abram said, <b>Lord</b> GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?	Lord = translation of (Hebrew) Adonai, "Lord". (Note that when Lord GOD is used, capitalized GOD replaces LORD as the rendering of יהוה to avoid "Lord LORD".

The English word *Lord* stems from Old English *hlāford*, which combines *hlāf* ("loaf", "bread") and *weard* ("keeper", "guardian"). *Lord* is essentially a contraction of "loaf-ward", meaning "keeper of the bread." Over time, it evolved to denote a person of authority or ruler, often associated with the head of a household or landowner, who was responsible for providing food and protection for those under his care. Compare modern *breadwinner*.

Anglo-Saxon oath of fealty to a lord: "By the Lord before whom this sanctuary is holy, I will to [name] be true and faithful, and love all which he loves and shun all which he shuns, according to the laws of God and the order of the world. Nor will I ever with will or action, through word or deed, do anything which is displeasing to him, on condition that he will hold to me as I shall deserve it, and that he will perform everything as it was in our agreement when I submitted myself to him and chose his will."

*Lord*, therefore, carries the senses of:

- sovereignty, supreme authority (dominion)
- ruler of a household, manor, land (domain)
- provider, caretaker, nurturer
- keeper of an agreement, covenant

Lord is very similar in origin and meaning to the word *husband* (see 1 Pet. 3:6), which also has an association with "house" (Old Norse: *hus*) and provider, caretaker (as in *husbandman* - James 5:7).

*Texts*

Psalm 8	-
Heb. 2:6-9	<p><sup>6</sup> But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?</p> <p><sup>7</sup> Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.</p>
Eph. 1:20-23	<p><sup>20</sup> Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,</p> <p><sup>21</sup> Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:</p> <p><sup>22</sup> And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,</p> <p><sup>23</sup> Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.</p>
Heb. 3:1-6	<p><sup>1</sup> Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;</p> <p><sup>6</sup> But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.</p>
Luke 2:11	<sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Rom. 10:9-10	<p><sup>9</sup> That if 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.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.</p>
Phil. 2:5-11	<p><sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:</p> <p><sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:</p> <p><sup>7</sup> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:</p> <p><sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:</p> <p><sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;</p> <p><sup>11</sup> And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.</p>
Isaiah 45:23	<sup>23</sup> 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.
Ps. 145:18	<sup>18</sup> The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.
Isaiah 48:1	<sup>1</sup> Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.
Luke 6:46	<sup>46</sup> And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?
Matt. 7:21-29	-
Psalm 145	-