

September 21st – Who is the Lord?

“For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us.” (Isa. 33:22)

Over 6,000 times, the Old Testament makes reference to “the Lord.” In the original Hebrew, the word is *Yahweh* and it means “the existing One.” When Moses had his encounter with the burning bush (Exodus 3), he discovered that it was actually the Lord in the midst of the flame. When Moses asked the Lord about His name, He responded *ehyeh asher ehyeh* – “I AM WHO I AM.” In other words, the Lord was saying, “I’m not dependent on anyone or anything for my existence. To the contrary, everything depends on me.”

Obviously, we are talking about a great and awesome God who had graciously elected to reveal Himself to His creation. Through the prophet Isaiah, Yahweh says that He is our Judge. The Bible says that “It is appointed to man once to die, and after that the judgment” (Heb. 9:27). Every member of the human race will have to stand before Yahweh in judgment. The only thing that will save us from eternal torment is faith in Jesus Christ. And even before our death, the Lord judges our daily activity and shows us how we can live more acceptable to Him.

The Lord is also our Lawgiver. Through His Word (the Bible) He has shown us how we can please Him. That’s all the more reason for us to be students of the Word, that we may be “complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:17). Yahweh is also our King. This world has many presidents, prime ministers, dictators, etc., but there is One that stands far above them all – the “King of Kings and Lord of Lords” (Rev. 19:16). And thankfully, the Lord is our Savior. When we were all bound for hell because of our sin, Yahweh came and took on human flesh and died in our place to spare us from everlasting punishment. Who is the Lord? He is the One who deserves ALL our praise!