

# IMPACT

**I** **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Passage:** Isaiah 6:1 “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the *Lord* sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple....”

**Quote:** We best imitate Christ in all of life’s circumstances when we pray, “Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. *Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven....*” Matthew 6:9-10

**L**ord means “Adonai” or “Master” who “makes claim upon man’s obedience and service.”<sup>1</sup> In Exodus 4:10-12, Moses feels his inadequacy for the daunting and dangerous task of leading Israel out of Egypt, and expresses this to God. “Then Moses said to the LORD (Jehovah), ‘O my Lord (Adonai), I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.’ So the LORD (Jehovah) said to him, ‘Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.’” Power to perform the assignment given by Adonai (Lord) is in question, and it is as Jehovah (LORD) that God answers. Jehovah is that name of God that refers to the creation power of the self-existent “I AM WHO I AM.” Our Master never gives us a task for which He does not prepare us.

When obeying God, an equal danger to self-abasement is self-confidence. Matthew Henry offers insights on our dependency upon God to perform His commissions. “God sometimes makes choice of those as his messengers, who have the least of the advantages, (ability), or nature, (so) *that His grace in them may appear the more glorious.* Christ’s disciples were no orators, till the Holy Spirit made them such.<sup>2</sup> *Without the constant aid of Divine grace, the best gifts will fail.*” Peter wrote, “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*”<sup>3</sup>

In Isaiah’s vision, he describes an awesome sight that left him humbled in the presence of Jehovah. He heard the seraphim cry out, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” His response was, “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.” This confession of his sin resulted in cleansing. He said, “One of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.’” Isaiah then “heard the voice of the *Lord (Adonai)*, asking: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’” He replied, “*Here am I! Send me.*”<sup>4</sup> A growing understanding of the holiness and glory of Jehovah, confession of our sin and humble acknowledgement of our unworthiness will cause us to be willing to serve when the Master (Adonai) beckons.

## Adonai, Master Who Possesses

When God the Son “comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. Then the King will say to (believers), ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in. I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we do these things for you?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, *inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.*’”<sup>5</sup> *We serve the Master by serving others in His name for His glory. We serve the Master by seeking to make a positive impact on the religious, the rebellious and the redeemed with the enabling that God Himself bestows.*<sup>6</sup> Our part is to trust and obey with gratitude for the opportunity to serve even if our task is merely to offer a cup of cold water in the Master’s name!<sup>7</sup>

1 Names of God by Nathan Stone 2 Acts 4:13 3 | Peter 6:1-8 4 Isaiah 6:1-8 5 Matt.25:31-40 6 | Cor.10:31-33 7 Matt.10:42; Heb.6:10