

Ye are gods

In this day and age, the Word of God has been greatly twisted, and perverted, by many. And while some of that is intentional (sadly), much of it simply from ignorance; because people don't take the time to actually *study* God's Word. Or, they learn something from a school and think it's true. And one of the things people get *really* confused about are the 'titles' for our Heavenly Father. We often call Him 'God', yet the heathen also call their false gods 'God' too. They also call their false gods 'Lord' and so forth. These are simply *titles*, as the study on **The Importance of Understanding Titles** explains [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1218>]. But, our Heavenly Father truly does have a name (Yehovah, #3068), which He revealed to Moses and then Israel, as the study on **God's Name** explains [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>]. And knowing this, helps us to understand certain Scriptures in the word of God, such as...

Exodus 7

I And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

So, let's take a look at what the word 'god' actually means here. After all, Paul told us that we should *study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness* (2 Tim 2:15-16). The words '**rightly dividing**' here means **to make a straight cut**, i.e. (figuratively) **to dissect** (expound) **correctly** (the divine message) (#3718). So, it's important we take a look at the Hebrew (or Greek) and thankfully, we can do that with a *Strong's Concordance* [<https://t.me/BestStudyBible/46>]. In the Hebrew, the word '**god**' here is #430 and is written as: '**Elohiym**' and it means: **gods in the ordinary sense**; but is **specifically** used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the **Supreme God**; however, it's **also** **occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates**; and sometimes as a **superlative**. It's translated in the KJV as - angels, exceeding, God (gods)- dess, -ly), (very) great, judges, mighty.

So, the term "god" is simply a *generic* title. A title which has even been given to people *in authority*. In Ex 22:28 it says: *Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people*. This Scriptures connects the dots for us, showing us that **the word 'god' was also used to refer to a judge or someone in authority (had power)**. It was not *strictly* used for God Almighty (i.e. Yehovah, which can also be written as YHVH because it's the *etymology* of *Yehovah*, as the study on **God's Name** explains: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>). Terminology can be confusing, especially if we don't keep the subject straight and remember that *words have more than one meaning*. So, to reiterate: the term 'god' is not a specific *name* for Yehovah (i.e. YHVH). It is a *generic term* that has been applied to Him; and rightly so because YHVH is the God above all gods just as He is the Lord above all lords (another generic title) and the King above all kings (another generic title). And there are some 'gods' He delegates (rulers and judges, such as Moses) but, of course, many (or most) 'gods' are *not* delegated rulers (or judges) by YHVH. Moses gives us an example of some that *were* delegated by God...

12 How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?

*13 Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and **I will make them rulers over you.***

14 And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good for us to do.

*15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and **officers among your tribes.***

*16 And **I charged your judges at that time**, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him.*

*17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; **for the judgment is God's**; and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it.*

Deut 1:12-17

Moses and the other judges were judging ‘in God’s place’ and they could do so because *they were using Yehovah’s Laws to judge with*. This is also why Job and Abraham were so pleasing to YHVH (Job 1:1, 8, Gen 26:5). And the generic term “god” has been used elsewhere in Scriptures to also refer to rulers, governs, etc. of the people. A good example is in the Psalms...

*1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; **he judgeth among the gods.***

2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

*6 I have said, **Ye are gods**; and all of you are children of the most High.*

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

Ps 82

This Psalm shows how the term ‘god’ is used for those who govern *for* YHVH, the *Almighty* God. Verse six tells us that, although they are ‘gods’ (i.e. judges - people in authority who had great power), they are *still children* of the Most High (YHVH) and thus, *will die* because they are simply flesh men. And Jesus also used this Psalm to confound the wicked Jews who wanted to stone Him to death for saying that “I and My Father are one” (John 10:30-31). The Jews accused Him of blasphemy (John 10:33) (even though Jesus truly IS one with YHVH, because Jesus is God incarnated as John 1:1, 14 clearly states - <https://t.me/BibleStudyGodsWord/460>) and ***Jesus quoted Psalms 82 to make the point that the term “god” has been used in the Scriptures to refer to leaders of the people.*** In other words, the word “god” is not a term that can be applied *only* the Most High God, YHVH. It’s also a term used to refer to *other* rulers (and judges) of this world; and even Jesus Himself used this point to respond to the Jews vehement accusations. We have to get this clear in our head, otherwise we can be *very* confused; because the Scriptures also condemn having other gods aside from YHVH.

Further to this, the Lord God Almighty (more titles of Yehovah, i.e. YHVH) is supposed to be our *only* God (First Commandment) because *His Laws are supposed to rule supreme in our lives*, i.e. in our heart, mind and soul, words and actions we are supposed to obey Him *first and foremost* (Rom 13:9-10). But, Romans 13 also points out that we should obey earthly rulers IF they are not trying to get us to disobey YHVH's Laws. But (and just as important to keep in mind) the earthly government is *supposed* to be a source ***for the good to protect people***. But, as we all know, this *rarely* happens because (aside from Jesus Christ) power has a tendency to corrupt people. But, what Rom 13 (and other Scriptures) also teaches us is that, when the government becomes corrupt, we should *not* resort to rebellion, or insurrection, but simply ***not comply*** with the rules they are trying to force upon us. But again, *the stipulation is IF* those rules (laws) try and force us to *disobey God's Word*. So, what YHVH hates is when we obey the laws (rules) of other gods ***instead of*** His. And He also hates it when rulers and judges don't obey His Laws as well! The Ten Commandments (which are laws that apply to individual conduct) apply to everyone, no matter what their status in society is. So, earthly rulers and judges are not 'above' God's Laws, not even the Ten Commandments.

Now, many people try to ride the fence by worshipping other gods and the Lord (YHVH) at the same time; but, that's simply not acceptable to YHVH (Rev 3:15-16). We must have His Laws (and His Laws only) in our heart and mind (Jer 31:31, Heb 8:10, 10:16) ***if*** we are to *truly* worship Him (Jer 31:33, Heb 8:10, 10:16). And IF it be possible to obey earthly rulers without breaking YHVH's Laws, ***then*** we ***are*** to do so. But, as Peter and John said in Acts 4:19-20, *whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard*. When the earthly rulers tried to get them to stop preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, ***they flat out refused***. But things like paying our taxes and obeying civil laws, traffic laws and so forth, those things we *should* obey (Mth 22:21)... again, *so long as they do not require us to disobey God's Laws*.

To reiterate, ***the difference comes when the civil laws try to make you break God's Laws; not only the Ten Commandments but also the Statutes and Judgments***. For a real life example: if you make cakes for a living and the government tries to force you to make a cake for a homosexual couple. YHVH expects you to obey *His Laws* and refuse to do so (i.e. peacefully not comply), even if you lose your entire business because our corrupt courts will side with the perverts suing you. While it really stinks to lose your business, that is much better than losing your soul by giving up your Biblical (Christian) morals. As Jesus warned us, *the servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you* (John 15:20). And, in 2 Tim 3:12, Paul warns that *all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution*. So there will undoubtedly be times we're persecuted for doing what's right. But, as Paul said in Rom 8:18: *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us*. And Jesus Himself also told us that we have 'great rewards' in heaven for suffering for the sake of obeying Him (Mth 5:10-12). And that's because He'll not only give us eternal life, but also give us authority to reign (rule) with Him (Rev 20:4-6). Truly, obeying our moral convictions in Jesus Christ is the *essence* of not taking the 'mark of

the beast'; yet so many people cave to the politically correct and 'cancel' cultures of today, that it is no wonder we're in the last generation before the antichrist comes (<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/950>).

So, to reiterate, when we listen to *and obey* other gods (people in authority) **above** (or **instead of**) listening to *and obeying* YHVH (who is our Creator) then He gets angry. His laws are righteous (they lead to life, even *eternal* life), they thus *are good for us* (Deut 10:13). So, if any other 'gods' (rulers and judges) do not govern using YHVH's Laws (which happens a lot, of course) then YHVH gets angry because righteousness is not being enforced upon the earth. The reason YHVH loved David so much (he was a man after God's own heart – 1 Sam 13:14) was because He *executed judgment and justice among all his people* (1 Chron 18:14) by using YHVH's Laws. All the prophets attest to the fact that YHVH's main 'beef' with the other rulers (from the judges to the kings of Israel) was that they did *not* rule, or judge by, YHVH's Laws. Instead, they went after 'other gods', which means *they began to obey other laws than YHVH's*. [You can learn more about this in the study **No Other Gods** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1015>]. Scriptures tells us these other sources ("gods") were actually evil spirits called "devils" who work for Satan himself (Lev 17:7, Deut 32:17, 2 Chron 11:15, Ps 106:37).

So, we should remember: **the source of law in any society is the god of that society**. Therefore, earthly rulers **must** get the source of their law from YHVH *or else they are going after 'other gods'* and are thus destined for punishments (even death) from YHVH. Again, the Law (Lev 26, Deut 28) and the prophets all attest to this fact. The first chapter in Isaiah does a very good job summarizing this, but there are so many other Scriptures that speak of this as well. Again, the reason YHVH gets so testy about people turning away from His Laws is because, when we do so, *we do so to our own hurt and the hurt of others*. The Holy Spirit, through Paul, explained it quite simply...

*8 But we know that **the law is good**, if a man use it lawfully;
9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,
10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;
1 Tim 1:8-10*

When people turn away from YHVH's Laws, they begin to use the authority of government for selfish gain instead using it to protect others. In other words, the law becomes a weapon for evil when YHVH's Laws are kicked out. And this is true also of individuals too. They too try to use the laws of the land for their advantage instead of loving their neighbor as themselves, as God (and Jesus) commanded us (Lev 19:18, Mth 22:37-40). Sadly, this is *exactly* what has happened to the once mighty Christian nations of the world (<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/885>). It's also *exactly* what Satan did in the first earth age (Ezek 28) (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/192>).

This is why Jesus said all those who will govern in His government (the Body of Christ) *must be humble* and obedient to *His Laws* (Mth 23:11-13, 18:1-5).

So, to summarize: God's Laws are for our own good (Deut 10:13). Moses stresses and reiterates that throughout the book of Deuteronomy. And the prophets also testify to this, as did Jesus and the apostles. No one but our Creator knows what is best for us. He alone is righteous and Holy (Deut 32:4, Ps 145:17) and thus, *only His Laws are righteous* and thus, *only His Laws lead to eternal life*. This is something people just don't understand. Many believe the lie Satan told Eve (and he keeps telling today) that we can make our own laws (rules) and live forever (i.e. *ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil* Gen 3:5) but that is not the truth. And, by the time this earth age is over, people will find out what the truth really is, and just *who* truly is in control (Rev 19:1-3, 11-21) ...

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

*21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and **there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.***

*22 **Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.***

*23 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.***

Isa 45:20-23

AMEN.