

29-Mar-10

Why Callest thou Me Good?

Jeanie,

You are playing with words. You Made the below reply to Emilio:

"Emilio: I know of no straight-up question that Emilio has asked that I have not given him the courtesy of a reply. I may have missed something (given the large amount of material), but I don't think so. Rather, I suspect that you simply did not like and/or agree with the answer. That, however, does not amount to 'not answering.'" —your E-mail, Sunday, March 28, 2010, 6: 54 PM

Your above reply begins by cutely saying that you have **responded** to all his questions. A response is not the same as an answer: You can respond by calling names and ignoring the question. Then you cunningly say, "I suspect that you simply did not like and/or agree with the **answer**" —as if you stated the matter differently in your introductory sentence by saying that you have answered — and not merely "responded" to— all questions. I can think, just off the top of my head, of several of Emilio's questions to which you have not answered: Emilio's question number **(One)** Show us an example where the disciples addressed Jesus/Yashua by His proper name? **(Two)** Why do you teach that we should be less respectful of Jesus than they were by insisting that we call Him by His heaven-designated name instead of calling Him Lord or Master as did the disciples? To questions one & two, instead of answering, you used a typical name-calling response calling it a "straw man". **(Three)** Who is the Prophet of *Deut 18*; Who is the Speaker that is to hide Himself upon the Prophet so as to speak to Israel? Etc.

Perhaps, being held now to a higher level of accountability, you will examine the below manner in which the disciples and others addressed Jesus, and acknowledge that He did not require them to articulate His heaven-ordained name. This list I believe expands beyond Emilio's:

- A) **"And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus saith unto him..."** —Matt 8: 19, 20
- B) **"And behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, why callest thou me good"** —Matt 19: 16, 17. Obviously, Jesus listened very carefully and did not accept everything that men called Him.
- C) **"And behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David"** —Matt 20: 30.
- D) **"And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master, and kissed him"** —Matt 26: 49.
- E) **"And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire"** —Mar 10: 35.

I did a search in the four gospels simply inputting the name Jesus. All can do the same! I have yet to uncover an example whereby the disciples or even the Pharisees addressed Jesus by His formal name, the one which you seek to clarify. Many times, they approached Jesus without using any address and just asked their question or expressed their concern, but on some occasions they addressed Him by His titles, Lord, Master, Rabbi, son of David. If the "proper" name of Jesus is the keystone doctrine to enforce among Christians, as you claim, then why did not Jesus, Himself, include those instructions along with His many reprimands? Obviously you and Johnathan have standards which are higher than God's. This same question was politely posed to you by Emilio, and you, contrary to your profession, never answered him. Beyond that, resonate upon the point a little longer. Think for a moment how careful the Lord must have focused on every syllable of

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every word posed to Him in the form of a question. This is shown by point B above. Jesus objected to being called “good” but never objected to being called Master, Lord, Rabbi, son of David. Thus, you must now be held to accountability for your doctrine by answering this: What is your basis for enforcing upon the church a higher standard upon the saints than heaven? As you forge your answer, you should take care to remember that, according to John 14: 26, when the Comforter was promised to come His purpose was to guide the disciples into all truth. He does so as promised, by reminding us of the Words which Jesus has spoken “while He was yet present with (them)” — the very thing which the MSA continues to do.

Sincerely,

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