

Today, we'd like to study the title of "The Living God" in *Jeremiah 10:1-11*.

To Online Word's people, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions:

Q1. In verse 5, "They *are* upright, like a palm tree,
And they cannot speak;
They must be carried,
Because they cannot go *by themselves*.
Do not be afraid of them,
For they cannot do evil,
Nor can they do any good," what does "a palm tree" mean in this context?

Q2. In verse 7, "Who would not fear You, O King of the nations?
For this is Your rightful due. For among all the wise *men* of the nations,
And in all their kingdoms, *There is* none like You," what does it mean?

Q3. In verse 10, "But the LORD *is* the true God;
He *is* the living God and the everlasting King.
At His wrath the earth will tremble,
And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation," what does ultimately "indignation" mean?

(Background)

Previously, Jeremiah heard of God's commandment in Jeremiah 7:1-4, The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ²"Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, all *you of* Judah who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD!'" ³Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. ⁴Do not trust in these lying words, saying, 'The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD *are* these.'"

(While they worshipped other gods at home, without changing their hearts, their worshipping God in the temple per se is neither guarantee nor insurance to avoid God's judgment to expose His righteousness.)

¹ Hear the word which the LORD <u>speaks to you</u> , O	
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<p>house of Israel.</p> <p>²Thus says the LORD:</p> <p>“Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed at <u>the signs of heaven</u>, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.</p> <p>³For the customs of the peoples <i>are</i> futile; For <i>one</i> <u>cuts a tree</u> from the forest, The work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.</p> <p>⁴They decorate it with silver and gold; They <u>fasten it</u> with nails and hammers So that it will not topple.</p> <p>⁵They <i>are</i> upright, <u>like a palm tree</u>, And they cannot speak; They must be carried, Because they cannot go <i>by themselves</i>. Do <u>not be afraid of them</u>, For they cannot do evil, Nor can they do any good.”</p> <p>⁶Inasmuch as <i>there is none like You</i>, O LORD (<i>You are great</i>, and <i>Your name is great in might</i>), ⁷Who <u>would not fear You</u>, O King of the nations? For this is Your rightful due. For among all the wise <i>men</i> of the nations, And in all their kingdoms, <i>There is none like You</i>.</p> <p>⁸But they are altogether dull-hearted and foolish; A <u>wooden idol</u> <i>is</i> a worthless doctrine.</p> <p>⁹Silver is beaten into plates; It is brought from <u>Tarshish</u>, And gold from Uphaz, The work of <u>the craftsman</u></p>	<p>2= the signs of heaven (e.g., horoscopes; God will be with us as the future comes)</p> <p>3= cuts a tree from the forest (to make an idol god, verse 5 “like a palm tree”)</p> <p>4. fasten it (not to fall it down)</p> <p>5=Q1 like a palm tree (verses 3 & 8; cut tree, like a scarecrow to scare away the birds from the melon patch or cucumber patch)</p> <p>7=Q2 Who would no fear You?(rhetorical question Yes, everybody fear God)</p> <p>9= Tarshish (like in Spain ¹<i>Jonah 1:3</i>); the craftsman; the metalsmith (man creates gods, it is worthless because infinite God creates finite man. Finite man can't comprehend infinite God unless infinite God reveals through the Bible)</p>
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¹ *Jonah 1:3* But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

<p>And of the hands of the <u>metalsmith</u>; Blue and purple <i>are</i> their clothing; They <i>are</i> all the work of skillful <i>men</i>. ¹⁰ But the LORD <i>is</i> the true God; He <i>is</i> <u>the living God</u> and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His <u>indignation</u>.</p> <p>¹¹ Thus you shall say to them: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall <u>perish</u> <u>from the earth</u> and <u>from under these heavens</u>."</p>	<p>10= the living God (alive God, not dead God); indignation (Judgment through Babylon; ultimately Great Tribulation; the day of the Lord to make judgment on the earth, consequence 11.)</p> <p>11= (our minds often caught up with the temporary things, neglecting with the eternal things. Confess! ²1 John 1:8-10)</p>
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² 1 John 1:8-10 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.