

"WE ARE THE LORD'S"

Romans 14:7-12

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul has written about special diets vs. 2
 - 1) *"one believeth that he may eat all things"*
 - 2) *"another, who is weak, eateth herbs"*

- B. Some observe special days vs. 5
 - 1) *"one esteemeth one day above another"*
 - 2) *"another esteemeth every day alike"*

- C. The truth about the entire matter
 - 1) If you eat or if you don't eat, do it for the Lord
 - 2) If you observe a day or you don't, do it for the Lord
 - 3) Make sure you give thanks!

- D. These issues will not separate us from Him vs. 7
 - 1) *"for none of us liveth to himself"*
 - 2) *"and no man dieth, dieth to himself"*
 - 3) We are never alone! He is with us!

- I. We Are The Lord's verse 8
 - A. *"For whether we live, we live unto the Lord;"*
 - 1) "while we live" Knox
 - 2) "Our life is for the Master" TENT

 - B. *"and whether we die, we die unto the Lord:"*
 - 1) "when we die" Knox
 - 2) "Our death is for the Master" TENT

 - C. *"whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's"*
 - 1) "In life and in death, we belong to the Lord" Knox
 - 2) "Once His, we are always His"

II. We Are The Lord's, He Died And Rose Again For Us Verse 9

A. *"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother?"*

- 1) "But you, why do you find fault with your brother?"
- 2) "And you, why do you hold your brother in contempt?"

B. *"for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ"*

- 1) *"stand"* = περιστημι = "to cause to stand near"
- 2) *"judgment seat"* = "a step", "a raised place"
- 3) This word, βημα, is used in *Acts 25:6, 10, 17* to describe the place where Festus sat in Caesarea to judge Paul.
- 4) "All of us will have to stand before the tribunal of God." Mof.

C. *"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me," vs. 11*

- 1) "For scripture says" TENT
- 2) "As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me." GSPD
- 3) *"bow"* = καμπω = "to bend", "to curve", "used of the knee in worship or prayer"

D. *"and every tongue shall confess to God"*

- 1) "and every tongue shall acknowledge God"
- 2) *"confess"* = εξομολογω = "to speak out the same things with another", "to speak the same language", "to say the same things", "to concede", "to admit"

E. The event as seen by Isaiah

- 1) *Isaiah 45:20-25*
- 2) This is a done deal!

IV. The Fact We Must Accept verse 12

A. *"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."*

- 1) "account" = $\lambda\omicron\gamma\omicron\varsigma$ = "the word", "the speaking" An exposition which one gives.
- 2) "Each of us then will have to answer for himself to God"

B. Remember, Paul is talking about our own personal lifestyle

- 1) We had better be sure - vs. 5 - "...let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."
- 2) This should end judging vs. 13

