

Do You Understand the Words “One” and “Only”?

“There is **only one judge** and law-giver, even he who has the power of salvation and of destruction; but who are you to be your neighbor’s judge?” (James 4:12).

“Let deacons be husbands of **one wife**, ruling their children and their own houses well” (1 Tim. 3:12).

“Now a mediator is not for one *party only*; whereas **God is only one**” (Gal. 3:20).

Amplified Version: “God is [only] one person.”

“Do you not see that in a running competition all take part, **but only one** gets the reward? So let your minds be fixed on the reward” (1 Cor. 9:24).

“Then stopping, and looking sadly at him, one of them, named Cleopas, said to him, Are you **the only man** living in Jerusalem who has not had news of the things which have taken place there at this time?” (Luke 24:18).

“But there is **only one hour’s work, one thing** that is essential. Mary has chosen the right thing, and it won’t be taken away from her” (Luke 10:42).

Jesus said, “Why do you ask me about what is good? **There is only one who is good.** If you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments” (Matt. 19:17).

“Then *ADONAI* will be king over the whole world. On that day *ADONAI* will be **the only one**, and his name will be **the only name**” (Zech. 14:9).

“If you do not make my dream clear to me there **is only one fate** for you: for you have made ready false and evil words to say before me till the times are changed: so give me an account of the dream, and I will be certain that you are able to make the sense of it clear” (Dan. 2:9).

“Son of man, those who live in the ruined cities in Israel are saying, ‘**Abraham was only one person**, and he was given the land. But we are many. Certainly the land has been given to us’” (Ezek. 33:24).

“A ten-acre vineyard will **produce only six gallons of wine**, and two quarts of seed will produce only four quarts of grain” (Isaiah 5:10).

“Then the children of Joseph said to Joshua, Why have you given me **only one part** and one stretch of land for my heritage? For through the blessing given to me by the Lord up to now, I am a great people” (Josh. 17:14).

“Esau said to his father, ‘Do you really **have only one blessing**, Father? Bless me too, my father!’ And Esau wept loudly” (Gen. 27:38).

Now try this one: Jesus defined God by saying, “Life in the age to come is this: that they come to know You [Father], **the only one who is true God**, and Jesus Christ whom You commissioned” (John 17:3). Do you believe it?✧