

Who is like unto You - Tony Pearce

V 11 Who is like unto you mi kamocho. Prayer of synagogue service. Asserting uniqueness of God.

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*Mi kamocho ba-elim Adonai
Mi kamocho nedar ba-kodesh
Nora tehillot oseh fele oseh fele*

**Who is like You O Lord among the gods?
Who is like you, Lord there is none else
You are awesome in praise, doing wonders O Lord
Who is like thee O Lord.**

Basic proposition of Hebrew Bible. There is none like the Lord / Yahweh / God of Israel. Creator, Redeemer, Judge of all the earth. Unique entirely different from idols of nations. Cannot be mixed with them. So too we believe. The Psalmists also ask the same question.

David, praying for deliverance from his enemies, sang, “LORD, who is like You [mi kamocho], who delivers the afflicted from him who is too strong for him?” (Psalm 35:10). Psalm 71 declares, “For Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens, You who have done great things; O God, who is like You [mi kamocho]?” (Psalm 71:19).

“O LORD God of hosts, who is like You [mi kamocho], O mighty LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You” (Psalm 89:8).

The question “who is like you” had already been answered by God Himself. He had told Pharaoh that he and his people would experience something “so that you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth” (Exodus 9:14). Now Pharaoh and his army were gone. **Mi Kamocho** has an answer: there is no one.

“There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall glorify Your name. For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God” (Psalm 86:8-10).

“There is none like You, O LORD; You are great, and great is Your name ... There is none like You” (Jeremiah 10:6,7).

Even Yahweh Himself declares this to be true:

“Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me” (Isaiah 46:9).

Central proposition of Bible – God is like no other – no other God who can save us. God of Bible is utterly different from gods of nations (but idols). He is Creator God, He is able to intervene in His creation, act on behalf of his people for salvation and in judgement on His enemies.