

GOD: A Short Autobiography

“GOD is the Great ‘I AM’” PT 2

Exodus 3:13-14

Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes

NKJV - "Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

NVI - "Moisés insistió: Supongamos que me presento ante los israelitas y les digo: "El Dios de sus antepasados me ha enviado a ustedes." ¿Qué les respondo si me preguntan: "¿Y cómo se llama?" Yo soy el que soy - respondió Dios a Moisés. Y esto es lo que tienes que decirles a los israelitas: "Yo soy me ha enviado a ustedes."

NLT - "But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?" God replied to Moses, "I AM Who I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you."

"What comes into **your mind** when you think about GOD,
is **the most important thing** about you!"
- AW Tozer

"It is deeply insulting to GOD for us to open the Bible,
read things that we don't like, and decide to **reshape our idea of GOD** into what pleases us. GOD is
not **whoever you want Him to be**. He is Who He is!!"
- Colin Smith

As the Great "**I AM**", we will see...

I. GOD exists **INDEPENDENTLY** from Creation.

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- **What does it mean for GOD to be "ETERNAL"?** It means that GOD has no beginning, and will have no ending. GOD has always existed, and He will always be. God is above and beyond time. God has no past, present, or future. GOD simply exists forever and always.
 - **Rev 1:8** - "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
 - **Isa 40:25-26,28** - "To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power...Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary."

- **The ETERNAL "I AM", created time itself:**
 - **Gen 1:1** - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
 - **Heb 1:2** - "...in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.." ("aeons")
 - **Col 1:16** - "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."
 - "God did not create in time, for there was no time before He created a changing world. His act was not a creation in time, but a creation of time." - Augustine
 - **Illustration:** A man who decided that he wanted to share his life with a goldfish...glass jar, filled up with water...

- **The ETERNAL "I AM", lives beyond the dimension of time:**
 - **Jude 25** - "All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen."
 - **Isa 57:15** - "The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble."
 - **John 17:5** - "Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began."
 - **Illustration:** At one time, there was only GOD...He is outside and beyond time, just as much as the owner of the fish is outside the glass jar and water of the fishbowl.

- **The ETERNAL "I AM", never changes who He is:**
 - **Mal 3:6** - "I am the Lord, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed."
 - **Heb 13:8** - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."
 - **Illustration:** We are used to things/people changing over time...the fish ages over time; the fishbowl will get dirty and cracked over time; the water will become filthy and putrid over time.....but not GOD!!

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

- **Because GOD is the ETERNAL "I AM", you can use certain words when describing your relationship Him, when worshipping Him, or simply when thinking of Him:**
 - **"Always"**...GOD'S LOVE for you is ALWAYS active; GOD is always thinking of you in LOVE and directing His affections towards you!! **GOD is eternally LOVING!**
 - **Jer 31:3** - "Long ago the Lord said to Israel: "I have loved you, My people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to Myself."

- **"Forever"**...GOD'S FAITHFULNESS towards your life will forever be there! He will remain faithful to you, loyal to your life, and devoted to your good, forever and the rest of your life. **GOD is eternally FAITHFUL!**
 - **2Tim 2:13** - "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

- **“Unchanging”**..GOD'S PROMISES are stable, solid, and unchanging for your life. His Word for you will never change, never falter, and never fail. GOD's Word is eternally UNCHANGING!
- Mal 3:6 - “I am the Lord, and I do not change.”

- **“Never-ending”**...GOD'S SALVATION is never ending towards those who accept it and receive it. It is not temporary or limited by time...GOD will save whoever comes to Him , thru Christ, and His Grace has no limits. GOD has an eternal SALVATION waiting for all those who receive Jesus as Savior!
 - John 3:16 - "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life..."