

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC & JACOB

SEEING CHRIST THROUGH STRUGGLING SAINTS



Exodus 3:1-15

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Introduction

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(why should it matter to you)

2. *Why the God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob?*

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“Do not think that I (Jesus) have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Matthew 5:17

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The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God **merciful** and **gracious**, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty... **Exodus 34:6-7**

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But the LORD was **gracious** to them and had **compassion** on them, and he turned toward them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, nor has he cast them from his presence until now.

2 Kings 13:23

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The arrogant rise against me, O God; a band of ruthless men seeks my life, with no regard for You. But You, O Lord, are a **compassionate** and **gracious** God, slow to anger, abounding in loving devotion and faithfulness.

Psalm 86:14-15

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**God doesn't love us because Jesus came,
Jesus came because God loves us!**

**God the Father and God the Son are on
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Progressive revelation → God has slowly, intentionally, and lovingly revealed himself to a people by revealing insights about himself that don't contradict but rather build on previous revelation.

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Hebrews 1:1-2

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1. Why the Old Testament?
2. Why the God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob?

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”
And he said, “Say this to the people of
Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Exodus 3:14

God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ **This is my name forever**, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Exodus 3:15

**More than you wanting to know
God, He wants to be known.**

“I am”

I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

Isaiah 45:5-6

“I am”
“I appear”

I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself fully known to them.

Exodus 6:3

“I appear”

And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Genesis 50:24

“I am”

“I appear”

“I attach”

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My dwelling place shall be with them, and **I will be their God, and they shall be my people**. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.

Ezekiel 37:27-28

“I attach”

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and **I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

Hebrews 8:10

“I attach”

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. **He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.**

Revelation 21:3

“I attach”

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

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