



## I Am Series

### Part 2

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I would like for you to turn with me to Exodus 3; beginning in verse 1 through verse 15. Please stand in honor of the reading of God's Word... Exodus 3:13-15- "Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

<sup>14</sup> 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.'" <sup>15</sup> 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." May the Lord add His blessing to the reading and the hearing of His Word; Amen.

Last Sunday we began a new Series entitled, "I Am" and I taught from this prior text quoted regarding Moses and his conversation with the Lord about the Nation of Israel being delivered out of the hands of the Egyptians. It was in this message that we discussed that the reference to "I Am" was far greater in its revelation than at face value because this simple phrase had deep profound meaning and impact regarding the definition and nature of the Most High God.

From this we discussed the names of God as well as the depth of insight that the angels recorded in Isaiah lent to us as they flew around the throne of God. The Great I Am found throughout the entire course of text in the old testament is God Himself defining His infinite abilities by his actions and not simply by his words; and this truth is even noted in the New Testament by the very words of Christ Himself.

Throughout the Gospel of Saint John, Jesus, our Immanuel, (meaning God with Us) declared some “I Am” statements that echo into the Ages! So with that said, I would like for us to discuss some of these statements made by Christ to see whom this Jesus truly is!

1. Point #1 - In the Gospel of Saint John 6:35, Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life.”

a. John 6:35, “<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

b. To a world full of fallen humanity that needed communion with their creator, Christ has become the articles by which a debased humanity can commune with a Holy God.

c. Just as the Lord God sent down Manna in the wilderness, Christ came down from Heaven to be a means of provision sent from the Father in this wilderness we currently find ourselves in until we are united with Him in Glory. In John 6, it is noted 4 times in regards to Christ being the Bread of Life. And it is this divine provision that allows us to have communion with the Father.

2. Point #2 - In the Gospel of Saint John 8:12, Jesus declared, “I am the Light of the World.”

a. John 8:12-14, “<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” <sup>13</sup> So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.” <sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.”

b. To a lost and dying world filled with darkness, Christ offers Himself as the guiding light to a wayward humanity to find Peace with God and with themselves!

c. John 1:1-5, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

- d. The Light of the Gospel is the same Light that Christ made manifest into the Earth by way of Redemption through His Cross and it is this same Jesus, being the Word made flesh, that was in Genesis 1 declaring “Let there be Light”!
- e. The very same Word who declared let there be light into the darkness of the cosmos is the same Word who is declaring “Let there be light” today into our hearts and lives by the power of the Holy Ghost!
- f. Jesus truly is the Light of the World and my question for all of us today is, “Is the Light of the World the light of your life?”

3. Point #3 - In the Gospel of Saint John 10:7-9, Jesus declared, “I am the door of the sheep.”

- a. John 10:7-9, “So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.”

- b. To those whom are His that He will protect His followers as a shepherd protect their herds from raiders. He is the door that only lets the sheep in and keeps the wolves and thieves out.
- c. Every good shepherd knows there is provision and enemies in the fields thus He not only guards over us but literally becomes the very access point by which He guards; if the enemy intends to get to us, he must first come through Christ!

4. Point #4 - In the Gospel of Saint John 10:11-15, Jesus declared, “I am the good shepherd.”

- a. John 10:11-15, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

- b. To a fearful Church, Christ is faithful to care for and guard over those whom are His; He will not abandon us when the wolves come to destroy. He is not a hired hand but is a true shepherd who loves His sheep. And true pastors model the same.
- c. (Prophetic Insight = we are entering a season to where the Lord is going to divinely unveil the truth about those who are hirelings who fleece the flock and are true shepherds (Pastors) who love the flock. When the difficulties of our collective futures come, and they are fast approaching, we are going to see those who are real and those who are fake. The Lord is cleaning and bringing order to His House; watch and see what I am talking about)

5. Point #5 - In the Gospel of Saint John 14:6, Jesus declared, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”

- a. John 14:1-7, “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?<sup>b1</sup> <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.”<sup>5</sup>Thomas

said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.<sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

- a. To the broken and grieving of those who desire a relationship with their Heavenly Father and Creator, Jesus makes it abundantly clear that He is the only way to the Father; if we desire a relationship with our Heavenly Father then it is only possible through His Son, Jesus Christ!
- b. Jesus is the source of all truth and knowledge about God because He came forth from Him as the Only Begotten Son of the Father.

6. Point #6 - In the Gospel of Saint John 15:1, Jesus declared, “I am the True Vine.”

- a. John 15:1-5, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.<sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that

it may bear more fruit.<sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

- b. To the Born Again Believer who needs provision and pruning, by attaching ourselves to Christ as the true vine, we enable His life to flow in and through us thus causing us to be fruitful.
- c. When we are a part of the True Vine, we cannot help but bear fruit that will honor the Father. Pruning is Painful but Productive; endure the process of pruning...
- d. Pruning though sometimes uncomfortable is the truest sign that the Lord is giving us His divine attention as He intentionally and strategically begins to remove things, and people, and bitterness, and unforgiveness. If He is pruning you that means His eyes are on you; trust His pruning.

7. Point #7 - In the Gospel of Saint John 11:25, Jesus declared, “I am the Resurrection and the Life.”

a. John 11:21-27, “<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

b. To the Church of the Living God filled with hope, Christ offered Himself upon the Cross to prove that Death is not the final word for those whom are in Christ through the salvific work of Grace! Death does not win; for Christ has already overcome the grave. We are on the Winning Team!

c. And it is during this Christmas Season that I want to encourage all of us to have heart of gratitude, a spirit of thankfulness, and a mind that resides in His Peace in Jesus Name! May we all

choose to trust the Great I Am because He is truly all that we would ever have need of today!

In closing, I want to teach you a principle found within the Word of God. Psalm 78:2-4, “I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, <sup>3</sup> things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. <sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.”

Observe how the older generation shouldered the responsibility of telling the coming generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord... Now let's take a look again at Exodus 3:15

Exodus 3:15 - <sup>15</sup> 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.”

Notice that the Lord tells Moses, The God of your Fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. What is the Lord doing? He pointing back to His track record of being faithful as a testimony of His faithfulness to the coming generation!

## 5 Generations:

- 1) E.L. Tanner
- 2) Lowell Ashbrook
- 3) Johnny Ashbrook
- 4) Destin and Michelle Burnett
- 5) Destin and Michelle Burnett's Children

**So when the Lord Says, I Am; He means it because He's got a track record of being faithful! He hasn't failed me YET!!! The I Am is Faithful!**