

“The Wonder & Witness of WITH & Worship”

Exodus 3:12-14

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INTRO: Ever noticed how *significant first things* tend to be?

- First impressions...
- First grand-children...
- **First words...** (Adam’s; Satan’s; **God’s...**)

Let’s PRAY to begin...

CONTEXT:

- Series: *Gospel Gardening – Roots, Fruits, & Boots*
 - Roots = **Patterns**, Promises, & Presence...
- Series text: **Proverbs 29:18**

Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.

- Sermon: **VIDEO** – *“What Is The Meaning”*

BIG IDEA:

I AM DEFINES Christ, Christianity, & the Church!

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PREVIEW:

1. DESIGN
2. DELIVER
3. DISCIPLE
4. DELIGHT
5. DISPLAY--DNA

TEXT:

Look for...

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[Exodus chapter 3:1-14](#)

1 Now Moses was **keeping the flock of his father-in-law**, (see the “shepherd” type overseeing the “flock/family of God” type as well) Jethro, the priest of Midian, and **he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb** (see the shepherd moving the flock from wasteland to worship-land type), **the mountain of God** (see the pattern & type of “mountain of God” throughout Scripture). **2** And the angel of the LORD (**NOTE: COME BACK TO A STUDY OF GOD’S NAME & MEANING!!!**) appeared to him (**see biblical PATTERN of glory, grace, & gospel HERE**) in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. **3** And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” **4** When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” **5** Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” **6** And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, **(see the Sovereign Creator... see the Attentive Creator... see the Caring Creator)**

8and **I have come down to deliver them out** of the hand of the Egyptians **and to bring them up out** of that land **to a good** and **broad** land, a land **flowing** with milk and honey, to the **place** of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 **Come, I will send you** to Pharaoh that **you may bring my people**, the children of Israel, **out of Egypt.** 11 **BUT Moses said** to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” 12 **He said,** **“But I will be with you, & this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”**

13Then 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?”

14God 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 3:13-15 is the first Biblical usage of the name “Yahweh,” and we can see at the end of the passage that it is the name by which God has chosen to be remembered throughout all generations.” – BibleStudyTools.com

- See **God coming down to bring us up...**
- See **Moses going down to bring man up...**
- *God is the same yesterday, today, & forevermore*

- See the ever-present connection & relationship between Christ, Christianity, & His Church!

See the Abe/Isaac & Jesus/Golgotha parallel to Moses/Horeb

I. The I AM DESIGN

A quick glimpse into the account of creation in **Genesis 1-2** reveals **4 core “with” DESIGN elements of our I AM...**

- **Trinitarian I AM**

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- **Vertical I AM** (Adam & Eve in the Garden)
- **Horizontal I AM** (Adam, Eve, & all humanity)
- **Incarnational I AM** – **“EMANUEL, God with us”**

Matthew 1:23

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

II. I AM DELIVERS

One of the most consistent reflections of what it means *to “be with” the LORD is to BE delivered by Him...*

- Genesis 3:15... m M m
- Ark in the Flood
- **Romans 8:1**
- The Exodus from Egypt (into the Promised Land)

Deuteronomy 20:1 “When you go out to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

- Prophetic voices of purity & promise...
- Exiles return home to the Promised Land
- Sinners from **Sin, Self, Society, Sabotage & Satan**

Luke 19:10 ...the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

I AM deliverance = COMMUNION

Do this in remembrance of Me...

- Remember My I AM PRICE
- Remember My I AM PURPOSE
- Remember My I AM PURITY
- Remember My I AM POWER
- Remember My I AM PASSION
- Remember My I AM PEOPLE
- Remember My I AM PROMISE

III. I AM DISCIPLES

If I AM's first words were informative, how much more
faith defining are His last words?

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Mark 16:15
- Acts 1:8
- John 3:36 & 20:21
- Paul to the Ephesians Elders
- Paul to Timothy 2 (2:1-6)
- Paul to Titus (2:1&15)

IV. I AM DELIGHTS

The Great I AM receives His greatest glory when His people reflect His great joy in our supernatural unity with Him

Yahweh is only used in the Bible when the author is talking about God's personal relationship with his people.

Haggai 1:13

Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, "I am with you, declares the LORD."

- John 1:14
- "Follow Me..." (I want you with Me!)
- "The Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep..."
- "I go to prepare a place for you... to be with ME!"
- You will become "the Bride of Christ..."
- You will become "adopted into the Family of God"
- **Hebrews 12:1-2**

V. I AM DISPLAYS--DNA

There is no greater display of our I AM's DNA than the *2 crosses (Christ's & the Christian's) that reveal His DNA!*

- Adam & Eve in the Garden...
- Noah & his family in the Ark/Flood...
- Abraham & his family in the history of the world
- All the God-honoring Prophets...
- John 3:16

John 14:16

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,
to be with you forever,

- John 17:21-25
- 1 Thessalonians 2:8
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Hebrews 13:5-6

- **Roads of divine I AM revelation:**
 - Zac vs. Rich Young Ruler
 - Emmaus
 - Damascus
 - Gaza / Ethiopia
 - **Broad** vs. **Narrow** (per Jesus)

REVIEW: The Great I AM's...

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CLOSE:

The fact that God introduces himself to us as “Yahweh” tells us that his first priority in relating to us is making sure we know that he is the intensely personal God, seeking to have a relationship with his people.

VIDEO: "I AM Compilation"

- I AM is our Bread.... Sustenance!
- I AM is our Light... Vision
- I AM is our Gate... Authority
- I AM is our Shepherd... Provider/Protector
- I AM is our Resurrection & Life... Guarantee
- I AM is our Way, Truth, Life... Meaning of Life
- I AM is our True Vine... Life-giving Source/Power

God doesn't need us...but that makes it all the more wondrous that he wants us. This is a God who was so love-motivated to know us and to be in relationship with us that he came to earth as a human and took the punishment we deserved.

This is our relational God.

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- **Ekklessia in Koinonia & Homothoomadon!**

Let's PRAY!