

“I AM” Who Am I?

If someone asked you that question, you might say, “I am a Texan,” or “I am a teacher,” or “I am a parent.” Others define themselves by relationships. “I am a husband,” or “I am a grandmother.” Or by personality, “I am an optimist,” or “I am shy.” Some describe themselves by achievements, “I am a college graduate,” or “I am a decorated veteran.” Or by experiences, “I am a cancer survivor,” or “I am a Dallas Cowboy fan.” These answers reveal something about us, but they never capture the full essence of who we truly are.

In Exodus 3, Moses found himself standing before God at the burning bush. God had called him to lead the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. Understandably, Moses had questions, and one of those questions was about God’s identity. In Exodus 3:13, Moses said, “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?”

God’s answer was profound and unlike any earthly introduction. ‘God said, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I Am has sent to you.’” Exodus 3:14. For Israel, I AM was not just another deity or a regional god. He was the one true God. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who would be faithful to His promises. His name assured Moses and the Israelites that He would be with them, providing everything they needed.

This name, I AM, reveals the eternal, self-existent nature of God. He is not defined by time, place or origin. He depends on nothing outside Himself for existence. He was, He is, and He will always be. Every created thing in the universe had a beginning and only God is without beginning or end. His very name speaks to His unchanging nature and absolute sufficiency.

When God says I AM, He declares

- I am eternal meaning before Abraham, before creation itself, I existed. John 8:58
- I am unchanging “For I am the Lord, I do not change.” Malachi 3:6
- I am all-sufficient meaning everything you need, I AM.

Moses could go forward with confidence to confront Pharaoh, not because he was great, but because the One who sent him was I AM. And the same truth is our assurance today. Whatever trials, uncertainties, or the fears you face, the God who spoke from the burning bush is still I AM. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hebrews 13:8.

So, who are you? If you belong to Christ, if you have obeyed His gospel call, if you have obeyed His commandments, you can answer, “I am of child of I AM.” And there is no identity more secure than that.

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