

I AM THAT I AM

When The Angel of The LORD appeared to Moses in the Burning Bush in the desert, Moses asks God, "What shall I say unto them (the Children of Israel)"? The LORD responded in the Book of Exodus 3:14,

"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."

In the New Testament, we see where Yeshua (Jesus) said to the Disciples and to the People "**I AM**" in ways which are very important to all of us as believers, especially in our relationship to Him.

The Lord Jesus said 18 times in the Bible "I AM....."

"I AM" is in the present tense and applies also to us today. Jesus is alive today. He rose from the dead and He promised us in His Word "That I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we thank Him that He is always with us.

In John 8:56-58 56, Jesus said, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I AM**."

In Matthew 27:43, the people who crucified Jesus said: "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have him: for He said, **I AM THE** Son of God."

Then in John 6:35 we read, "And Jesus said unto them, **I AM THE** bread of life: he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes on me shall never thirst."

From John 6:41 we learn that, "The Jews murmured at Him, because he said, **I AM THE** bread which came down from heaven."

Then in John 6:51 Jesus says, "**I AM THE** living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eats of this bread, He shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." What does it mean to eat the flesh of Jesus Christ? It means that we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior and He comes to live inside our lives. Like we eat bread and meat and the food gives us nourishment, so we also receive the Lord Jesus Christ into our heart and we receive strength to live a new life in His power.

In John 8:12 we read, "Then spoke Jesus again unto them, saying, **I AM THE** light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Having the light of life means that as we live today we receive guidance and understanding and know what to do. We don't walk in confusion and in darkness. We do not have stress and frustration but we have peace and joy, His peace and His joy.

Again in John 9:5 Jesus says, "As long as I am in the world, **I AM THE** light of the world." Then some time later the Lord Jesus went back to heaven and He told His disciples now you are the light of the World. Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the

world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

John 10:7, "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I AM THE** door of the sheep." People are compared to sheep that need a shepherd. The sheep go to a safe place at night to be protected from the weather, the cool nights and the wild animals. They passed through a door and the shepherd and counts the sheep as they enter. If one is missing the shepherd goes out and looks for the missing sheep or lamb. In this Scriptures the Lord says He is the door. So we can enter heaven by and through Him.

John 10:9, "**I AM THE** door: by me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." Pasture means good life for the sheep, all their needs are met. So the Lord Jesus is telling us if anyone enters by and through Him, he shall be saved from condemnation and also enjoy a good life on earth.

John 10:11, "**I AM THE** good shepherd: the good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." The good shepherd will protect His sheep against attacks from wild animals. He is even ready to give His life for His sheep. So the Lord Jesus did give His life for all people worldwide. He died on the cross for the sins of all people from every nation, all peoples from all religions.

John 10:14, "**I AM THE** good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine." The Lord knows us, our names and all our needs. We may know Him through His Word and communicate with Him in our daily prayers.

John 10:36, "What about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, '**I AM God's Son**'?"

In John 11:25 the Lord Jesus is speaking to a Samaritan woman, "Jesus said unto her, **I AM THE** resurrection, and the life: he that believes in me, though he was dead, yet shall he live". He rose from the dead and demonstrated His power as the Son of God. All who believe in Him will also be raised to life again even though they have died.

In John 14:6 Jesus is declaring to the world, "**I AM THE** way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me." He is the way to eternal life in heaven and new life on earth. He is the truth. Truth is a person not a doctrine or philosophy. Here Jesus Christ states very clearly that no one will enter the kingdom of heaven if they are not following Him as the way to heaven.

In John 15:1 the Lord Jesus declares, "**I AM THE** true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." In John 15 life is compared to a vineyard growing grapes. The people are compared to the branches of the vine plant. the Lord Jesus as the true vine plant and His father as the owner of the vineyard. We must be connected to the True vine in order to be a blessing to others and be fruitful in our lives.

John 15:5, "**I AM THE** vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing." If the branch is severed (separated) from the vine plant there is no more fruit and the branch will die. So as we are

separated from the Lord Jesus Christ we all die spiritually and cannot produce and spiritual fruit such as explained in Galatians 5:22, But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

Revelation 1:17, “And when I saw him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; **I AM THE** first and the last.” Some years ago the General Secretary of the Gerakan Pemuda Islam (Islam Youth Movement) Andy M. Yusuf became a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ when he read that Jesus Christ is the First and the Last. Another title is that Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega. This is the first and last letter of the Greek Alphabet. Jesus Christ is all in all. He has the first word and the last word. He is in charge. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

The last I AM is found in Revelation 22:16. “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I AM THE** root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. David is considered the greatest King who ever lived in Israel. So here the Lord Jesus says that He is the root and offspring of David. Even King David is related to Jesus Christ being considered the foundation of King David. He was before King David. He is also called the bright and morning star. Jesus is the Light of the Word and without Him the world and its population live in darkness. Amen!