

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Exodus 3:10-15--August 4th, 2024

Sermon Recap:

The Great I AM

The biggest and most grave error facing the Church today is that we do not understand who God is; therefore we do not understand who we are...therefore, we don't understand our task/purpose.

I. Who Am I?

a. Commissioned

- God states that he would deliver Israel from oppression, but adds that he would use Moses to do so. In his sovereignty, God uses finite, sinful people, to accomplish his purposes and bring about his plan.
- When God saves you, he calls you. The God who saves is the God who sends.
 - Every believer called by faith has been commissioned to ministry. It may not be fulltime, pastoral ministry, but they are called to minister where God has placed them (family, work, church, neighborhood, etc.)
- Moses immediately questions God, "Who am I?"
 - Not a display of humility. Moses is concerned that as an enemy of Pharaoh and an outcast from Israel, he is not the right guy for the task.
 - Every moment of Moses' life has been orchestrated to prepare and equip him for this task.
 - God is not limited by our weaknesses or our failures, not even our sins. Moses was a mess, but God used him.
 - We are merely ordinary men/women created by God, for God.

b. Not Alone

- Moses may not have understood who he was, but God did and never intended for Moses to go alone. God didn't ask Moses to go forward alone; the almighty God would accompany him.
- God provides a sign to Moses to assure him: one day he and Israel will gather at this same mountain to worship.
 - This is a certainty.
 - This must be accepted by faith.

II. Who Are You?

- Moses wants to know God's name for when Pharaoh and Israel ask.
 - God provides his personal name. He is a God who cares enough to condescend to his creation and provide his name to mere mortal men.

a. God is Independent

- "I AM"- Yahweh (yhwh)
 - From the Hebrew verb "to be"-- 'I was, I am, and I shall always continue to be.'"
 - God is not contingent/dependent upon anyone or anything. He just is. He always has been. He always will be.

b. God is Faithful

- **V.15-** "I AM, and therefore I am faithful. Because of My character as the unchanging Lord, My every word is secure and safe and true and you can depend upon My promises."
 - Exodus 34:5-7

Discussion Questions:

- What is Moses commissioned to do?
- How does he respond?
- What is God's response to Moses?
- Discuss the ways Christians are called and commissioned today. How do Moses' questions and God's answers impact those callings and commissioning?
- What is God's personal name?
- What does that name mean?
- What can we learn about God from the fact that he provided that name?
- What can we learn about God from the name itself?

Application:

- What have you been called/commissioned to by God?
- How can you proclaim the name and nature of the Great I Am in that calling?
- How does God's assurance to Moses to be with him aid you in your calling today?
- Search online for a list of the names of God and their meaning? Identify a few that you might not have been familiar with before and ask how they apply to your life today.

