

The Great I AM

A 30 Day Discovery of The One True God

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"After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I AM your shield, your exceedingly great reward." Genesis 15:1 (NKJV)

In the Old Testament, the father of the Jewish and Christian faiths is Abraham. From the flood of Noah's time until the time of Abraham, God had not revealed His true identity as the great I AM to anyone. Abraham, (Abram before the covenant), had been called out of his homeland by God into a place that he didn't know. Traveling with his wife and nephew Lot, he followed the voice of God by faith. The Lord made promises to Abraham that a great nation would be birthed from his seed, that he would be blessed with increase, and that he would possess heaven and earth. Abraham was also blessed by Melchizedek, the king of Salem and the priest of the Most High. After these things, the God of the Universe came and cut an everlasting covenant with Abraham.

As the Lord called Abraham into a covenant relationship with Himself, God said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I AM your shield, your exceedingly great reward." Then, even though Abraham was old and childless, the God of the Universe promised to multiply his seed as the stars of the sky. That was a miracle because Abraham was ninety years old! Abraham BELIEVED in the promise of the Lord! So, the Lord counted it to Abraham as RIGHTEOUSNESS! Through Abraham's seed, (his son Isaac), came the Hebrews (the twelve tribes of Israel), and through Jesus, (Yeshua the Jewish Messiah), came the Christian believers. God kept His promise and multiplied Abraham's seed. As God revealed His identity as the Great I AM to Abram, He also revealed Abram's new identity to him as ABRAHAM, the Father of many nations.

The God of Abraham IS the ONE TRUE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE! He is the GREAT I AM that I AM! He is a covenant keeping God! He is our SHIELD and our EXCEEDINGLY GREAT REWARD! He desires to cut an everlasting covenant with you by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus our Savior. He desires to reveal His destiny for you! He desires to make you a possessor of heaven and earth! He desires to be your SHIELD and your EXCEEDINGLY GREAT REWARD! He desires for you to know Him as the GREAT I AM!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, You are the great I AM. There is nothing too difficult for you! There is nothing impossible for You! You are the God of miracles! You are the God who holds my identity and my destiny! YOU are my SHIELD and my EXCEEDINGLY GREAT REWARD! Jesus, I know that You died on the cross for me. Your blood was shed to take away my sins. I ask You to come into my heart and be the Lord of my life. Father, cut covenant with me through the Blood of Jesus. Reveal my identity and destiny in You. Lord, make me the possessor of heaven and earth. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Genesis 15 (NKJV)

God's Covenant with Abram

1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

2 But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

7 Then He said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

8 And he said, "Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"

9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a threeyear-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. 13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. 18 On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying:

"To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— 19 the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

"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." Exodus 3:14 (KJV)

During the time of Moses' birth, the Pharaoh of Egypt had commanded that all the male Hebrew babies must be killed at birth. The Hebrews were God's chosen people who had been taken into captivity because they had turned their hearts away from God. They had become the slaves of the Egyptians. Moses was born unto a Hebrew couple. His mother knew that he would be killed, so she concealed the fact that he was a boy and hid him from the Egyptians. As an infant, she placed him into a sealed basket and floated him down the river where he was found by Pharaoh's daughter. The Princess took him in as her own and hired Moses' mother to nurse him. Moses grew to be a son of Pharaoh and was second in line to the throne of Egypt. God's hand was on Moses' life.

When Moses became a grown man, he killed an Egyptian worker in anger and fled Egypt out of fear. Afterward he spent many years in the backside of the desert tending sheep in Midean with his wife Zipporah and her family. There Moses had a face to face encounter with the great I AM. One day while he was tending the sheep, Moses came to the "mountain of God" in Horeb. "And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush, and he looked and behold the bush burned with fire, and the bush was NOT consumed." (Exo 3:2) The Lord revealed to Moses that He was "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." By this revelation, Moses knew that he was having a face to face encounter with the Great I AM, the One True God, the God of Father Abraham, and the God of the Hebrews.

During this encounter, Moses received the call to his destiny in God. He was called to go before Pharaoh and tell him to let God's people go, so they could worship the Lord their God. When Moses asked the Lord what His name was, the Lord responded, "I AM THAT I AM...Tell the children of Israel that 'I AM has sent me unto you.'" Moses' destiny was to deliver God's people out of bondage and slavery. When the Lord revealed Himself as "I AM THAT I AM", he was saying that He was the eternally self-existent one, the same "I AM" who revealed Himself to Father Abraham. When Moses went to the children of Israel, God's chosen people, to tell them he had come to deliver them, he said "I AM' sent me. By saying this, they knew he had met with the God of their father of faith, Abraham. God revealed Himself to Abraham as I AM. He had revealed Himself to Abraham's son Isaac as "I AM". He had revealed Himself as "I AM" to Isaac's son Jacob. AND he had revealed Himself as "I AM" to Moses. Moses fulfilled his destiny in the Lord, and he delivered the children of Israel out of slavery and bondage with signs, wonders, and miracles performed by the hand of the Great I AM.

Our God is the GREAT I AM THAT I AM! He is the ONE TRUE GOD! HE DELIVERS US from slavery and bondage of the enemy! HE SAVES and RESCUES them who call upon HIS NAME! HE PERFORMS SIGNS, WONDERS, and MIRACLES with HIS STRONG HAND! HE IS ALL-POWERFUL! PRAISE HIS NAME FOREVER!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, thank You that You hear me when I call. Thank You for saving, healing and delivering me out of slavery and bondage. Father, I desire to have a face to face encounter with YOU! Reveal Yourself to me as the GREAT I AM that I AM! I want to know You in Your great power and glory. I want to know You intimately. I want to see You manifest Yourself to others through me with signs, wonders, and miracles! In the name of Jesus, amen.

Exodus 3 (KJV)

1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy 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 upon God.

7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

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

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

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.

15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.

19 And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. 20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty.

22 But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

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"For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Leviticus 11:44 (NKJV)

When the One True God revealed Himself to Moses as the Great I AM that I AM, He also revealed Himself to the children of Israel with signs, wonders and miracles as He freed them from the bondage of Egypt. When He called them out of Egypt, He gave them a promised land where they could worship Him and be His people. The Lord revealed to Moses the details of how to govern the people, since there were over one million Hebrews who came out of Egypt. These people were used to being told what to do twenty-four hours a day by their Egyptian masters. They did not know how to handle their newly found freedom. Moses became the voice of the Lord to unfold God's plan to His people.

In the book of Leviticus, the One True God released details of laws by which the Hebrews were to live. He established the Levitical priesthood to lead the people in worship and sacrificial offerings to the Lord. He also revealed the laws of government and laws of life. Every detail of community living was given by God to His people. He even instructed them on the kinds of foods to eat and those from which to abstain. Since the Lord created human beings, HE KNOWS exactly what fuels and what damages our bodies. The Lord did not establish laws and rules for His people in order to control them. He gave the laws and rules to protect them and keep them in health and blessings. Our God is not a tyrant who hurls lightning bolts and thunder to randomly punish people. He is a loving good God who desires for His people to walk and live in the fullness of all He created for them to have and to be. However, when we choose to walk away from intimacy with Him and walk away from the safety of His divine protection, we open ourselves up to become confused, defiled and taken away in bondage.

In Leviticus 11:44 (NKJV), the Lord said, "For I AM the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy." Our God is the GREAT I AM THAT I AM! He is the ONE TRUE GOD! HE IS THE GOD WHO CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH! HE IS THE GOD WHO CREATED US! He KNOWS the intricacies of our bodies, what fuels us, and what harms us. HE ALONE IS HOLY! In this scripture, the Lord was instructing the children of Israel to consecrate, separate, or dedicate themselves to Him and to follow His ways. It is through following the wisdom and counsel of our creator that we find love, peace, joy, health and blessing! When we consecrate ourselves to the Lord and follow His ways, we become holy as He is holy. OUR GOD IS HOLY! OUR GOD IS RIGHTEOUS! OUR GOD IS TRUE! OUR GOD IS PERFECT IN ALL HIS WAYS!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the BIBLE, the living Word of God! Thank You for loving me so much that You gave me the instructions for life on this earth. Holy Spirit, lead me and guide me into ALL TRUTH! Teach me how to live a holy, consecrated life unto the Lord. Teach me how to fuel my body properly, how to live in love, peace, joy, health and blessings! Lord, teach me how to live in deep intimacy with You. Lord, help me to be HOLY as YOU ARE HOLY! In the name of Jesus, amen.

Leviticus 11 (NKJV)

Foods Permitted and Forbidden

1 Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'These are the animals which you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth: 3 Among the animals, whatever divides the hoof, having cloven hooves and chewing the cud—that you may eat. 4 Nevertheless these you shall not eat among those that chew the cud or those that have cloven hooves: the camel, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is unclean to you; 5 the rock hyrax, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is unclean to you; 6 the hare, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is unclean to you; 7 and the swine, though it divides the hoof, having cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. 8 Their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch. They are unclean to you.

9 'These you may eat of all that are in the water: whatever in the water has fins and scales, whether in the seas or in the rivers—that you may eat. 10 But all in the seas or in the rivers that do not have fins and scales, all that move in the water or any living thing which is in the water, they are an abomination to you. 11 They shall be an abomination to you; you shall not eat their flesh, but you shall regard their carcasses as an abomination. 12 Whatever in the water does not have fins or scales—that shall be an abomination to you.

13 'And these you shall regard as an abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, 14 the kite, and the falcon after its kind; 15 every raven after its kind, 16 the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the sea gull, and the hawk after its kind; 17 the little owl, the fisher owl, and the screech owl; 18 the white owl, the jackdaw, and the carrion vulture; 19 the stork, the heron after its kind, the hoopoe, and the bat. 20 'All flying insects that creep on all fours shall be an abomination to you. 21 Yet these you may eat of every flying insect that creeps on all fours: those which have jointed legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth. 22 These you may eat: the locust after its kind, the destroying locust after its kind, the cricket after its kind, and the grasshopper after its kind. 23 But all other flying insects which have four feet shall be an abomination to you. Unclean Animals

24 'By these you shall become unclean; whoever touches the carcass of any of them shall be unclean until evening; 25 whoever carries part of the carcass of any of them shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening: 26 The carcass of any animal which divides the foot, but is not cloven-hoofed or does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. Everyone who touches it shall be unclean. 27 And whatever goes on its paws, among all kinds of animals that go on all fours, those are unclean to you. Whoever touches any such carcass shall be unclean until evening. 28 Whoever carries any such carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. It is unclean to you.

29 'These also shall be unclean to you among the creeping things that creep on the earth: the mole, the mouse, and the large lizard after its kind; 30 the gecko, the monitor lizard, the sand reptile, the sand lizard, and the chameleon. 31 These are unclean to you among all that creep. Whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until evening. 32 Anything on which any of them falls, when they are dead shall be unclean, whether it is any item of wood or clothing or skin or sack, whatever item it is, in which any work is done, it must be put in water. And it shall be unclean until evening; then it shall be clean. 33 Any earthen vessel into which any of them falls you shall break; and whatever is in it shall be unclean: 34 in such a vessel, any edible food upon which water falls becomes unclean, and any drink that may be drunk from it becomes unclean. 35 And everything on which a part of any such carcass falls shall be unclean, and shall be unclean, and shall be unclean to you. 36 Nevertheless a spring or a cistern, in which there is plenty of water, shall be clean, but whatever touches any such carcass becomes unclean. 37 And if a part of any such carcass falls on any planting seed which is to be sown, it remains clean. 38 But if water is put on the seed, and if a part of any such carcass falls on it, it becomes unclean to you.

39 'And if any animal which you may eat dies, he who touches its carcass shall be unclean until evening. 40 He who eats of its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. He also who carries its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.

41 'And every creeping thing that creeps on the earth shall be an abomination. It shall not be eaten. 42 Whatever crawls on its belly, whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet among all creeping things that creep on the earth—these you shall not eat, for they are an abomination. 43 You shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creeps; nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, lest you be defiled by them. 44 For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. 45 For I am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

46 'This is the law of the animals and the birds and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth, 47 to distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.'"

"I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images." Isaiah 42:8 (KJV)

Isaiah was an Old Testament prophet who warned the people of God, as well as foretold many events to come in the future. Isaiah prophesied about the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, the Savior of the world. Isaiah forty-two is a prophetic word given by the prophet of the Lord to the people of God hundreds of years before it happened. This prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. In this prophetic word, the Lord is declaring through Isaiah that His servant, JESUS, will have the Spirit of God upon Him, will bring the judgment of God's truth to the Gentiles, will open blind eyes, set the prisoners free, and bring light unto the darkness. THIS IS THE HEART OF GOD! Our heavenly Father is the creator of the entire universe. He IS the GREAT I AM that I AM! Through the Old Covenant that He cut with Abraham, only the Hebrew people were in covenant relationship with Him.

Through the BLOOD of JESUS, a NEW Covenant was established for WHOSOEVER would believe. Now intimacy with the Great I AM was possible for anyone and everyone, to the Jews first, and also to the Greek (Gentiles). The Father has always had a huge family on His mind! Now, the judgment of God, the Just Judge of the Universe, allows the Blood of the Lamb, Jesus, to cry out on our behalf, and cover us with the righteousness of God.

The Father, the GREAT I AM THAT I AM, sent JESUS, HIS SON, to become flesh on this earth revealing the love, power and justice of God to ALL the peoples of the earth! JESUS IS the HEALER! By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus opened spiritually blind eyes as well as naturally blind eyes. HE IS the GREAT I AM that I AM! HE IS the LIGHT of the WORLD! He shed LIGHT into the darkness, both spiritually and naturally. HE IS the DELIVERER! He set the captives free from sin and bondage! Jesus came to reveal the Father to a lost and dying world. He said, "If you have SEEN me, you have SEEN the Father." When our spiritually blind eyes are fully opened and the light of God dispels all the darkness, then we can SEE the TRUTH!

When we SEE God for who He truly is, the GREAT I AM THAT I AM, we desire to worship Him in spirit and in truth. We leave all the old idols behind and run after HIM! We no longer care about the things of this world, satisfying our fleshly desires, or participating in other empty religions. We desire a RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ONE TRUE GOD! HE IS THE I AM THAT I AM! THERE IS NO OTHER!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, OPEN MY EYES TO SEE THE TRUTH! Shed YOUR LIGHT onto ALL the dark areas

in my life. SET ME FREE from all bondage and captivity to lies and untruth! Help me to SEE YOU as the GREAT I AM THAT I AM! Help me to SEE THE TRUTH!!! OPEN MY EYES TO SEE IN THE SPIRIT! Lord, fill me with Your love, Your light, and Your Spirit! In the name of Jesus, amen.

Isaiah 42 (KJV)

1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

5 Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

6 I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

8 I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10 Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

12 Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands.

13 The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." Isaiah 43:10 (KJV)

In Isaiah chapter forty-three of the Old Testament, Isaiah was once more prophesying to the people of God. He was prophesying that the people of Israel and of Jacob, God's chosen people, would be given a Savior, God's servant, Jesus. Through the prophecy God tells His people, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you...I have called you by name...you are mine." God told them He would save them from drowning in floods, and save them from being burned in fire. God is with us when we walk through the fires and floods of life. Then the Lord said, "For I AM the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour... Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee."

The words that Isaiah spoke were given hundreds of years before Jesus was born. The Great I AM that I AM spoke these words by His prophet to His people so that the coming generations would recognize Jesus as the One True Son of God. JESUS IS PROPHECY FULFILLED! God said, "I AM THE LORD!", "I AM the HOLY ONE of ISRAEL", and "I AM the SAVIOR". It does not get any clearer than that! He proclaimed these truths in advance, so that when Jesus came to open blind eyes, open deaf ears, heal the sick, and save the lost, He was fulfilling the prophecy. JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR! The Lord also said, "I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour." There is NO OTHER WAY BY WHICH WE MAY BE SAVED! JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY!

In Isaiah forty-three verse ten the Lord spoke through His prophet, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that IAM HE: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." Looking back from our time in history unto the time of Isaiah's prophecy, we are witnesses of the validity and truth of the word of the Lord. We clearly see that the Great I AM that I AM revealed Himself to us through His prophetic word. Then He validated His Word through Jesus, thus validating Himself as the One True God! He revealed Himself to us this way so that we would KNOW, and BELIEVE, and UNDERSTAND that, 'I AM HE' had spoken. There is NO OTHER GOD but the great I AM THAT I AM! The Great I AM LOVES US with an EVERLASTING LOVE! HE IS THE ONE TRUE GOD!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, OPEN MY EYES that I MAY SEE THE TRUTH of WHO YOU ARE. Let me be a WITNESS of Your LOVE, POWER and TRUTH! JESUS, BE MY SAVIOR TODAY! Lord, let me KNOW, and BELIEVE, and UNDERSTAND that YOU ARE HE! YOU ARE THE GREAT I AM THAT I AM! You

are the ONE TRUE GOD, there is NO OTHER. Lord, I want to be Yours. Lord, redeem me and my life for Your glory. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Isaiah 43 (KJV)

1 But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

3 For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

5 Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11 I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour.

12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.

13 Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

14 Thus saith the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships. 15 I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

16 Thus saith the Lord, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

17 Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in

the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen. 21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

"And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26 (KJV)

In the book of Exodus in the Old Testament, the Great I AM was instructing Moses and the Hebrews to follow Him closely. God was advising them to listen to Him, to obey Him, and to follow Him. The Lord promised that if they would be faithful to Him, He would protect them from the plagues and calamity that He had brought unto the Egyptians. There were many plagues, signs, wonders and miracles that the Hebrews observed the Lord perform with wide-eyed wonder! These things were beyond the natural course of events and occurrences. Massive amounts of grasshoppers invading their crops, frogs in every nook and cranny of their homes, and all water sources turning into blood...these were among the terrifying plagues that overtook the Egyptians simply because they would NOT YIELD TO GOD!

Our God is the GREAT I AM! There is NONE OTHER! HE IS THE ONE TRUE GOD! The Egyptians suffered needlessly because of their pride and stubbornness. When we reject God and the love of Jesus, His only Son, we choose to come out from under His hand of blessing and protection. His desire is always to save, to bless, and to heal. He promised the Hebrews that if they would follow Him, He would HEAL them. He said, "I AM the Lord that healeth thee." HE IS OUR HEALER! HE IS OUR HEALING! HE IS OUR HEALTH! By the BLOOD of JESUS, WE ARE HEALED! God is the same TODAY, YESTERDAY and FOREVER! In the Old Testament, I AM IS OUR HEALER! In the New Testament, JESUS, the Son of I AM, IS OUR HEALER! BY HIS STRIPES, WE ARE HEALED! Jesus bore the price of sin and sickness on His body so that we might be saved and be healed in His name!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, thank You for being MY HEALER! Thank You for being MY HEALTH! Thank You for HEALING ME! By the STRIPES and BLOOD of JESUS, I am HEALED! Lord, let the Blood of Jesus flow over me, under me, and through me right now. Let it cleanse me from every germ, sickness and disease. Thank You for Your great LOVE for me! Lord, I will love You, live for You, and serve You all the days of my life. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Exodus 15 (KJV)

15 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

² The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³ The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

⁵ The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

⁶ Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, OLORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

⁷ And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

⁸ And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹ The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

¹⁰ Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹ Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

¹² Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

¹³ Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

¹⁴ The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.

¹⁵ Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

¹⁶ Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

¹⁷ Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O LORD, which thy hands have established.

¹⁸ The LORD shall reign forever and ever.

¹⁹ For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

²⁰ And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

²¹ And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

²² So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

²³ And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

²⁴ And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

²⁵ And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,

²⁶ And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

²⁷ And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

"But I am the Lord thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The Lord of hosts is his name." Isaiah 51:15 (KJV)

In Isaiah 51, the prophet was instructing God's people to be encouraged and to TRUST in the Lord. He also was declaring that the Lord would deliver His people out of captivity. In the words of the prophet, we see that Isaiah was reminding God's people WHO GOD IS and WHAT HE CAN DO! Isaiah said that the people could TRUST in God's arm, that God Himself would COMFORT them, that God is their MAKER and the CREATOR of the universe, that God has the POWER to divide the sea, AND that God is I AM, the LORD of HOSTS!

There are times in our lives that we need to be reminded WHO GOD REALLY IS! HE IS the GREAT I AM that I AM! His arm is not too short that it cannot reach and save us. In His arm there is ALL POWER to save, heal, deliver and protect us. There is NOTHING too difficult or impossible for Him. WE CAN TRUST IN HIS ARM! God is our great COMFORTER! He is Abba Father, our creator and our heavenly Papa. He comforts us with His Spirit of LOVE, PEACE and JOY. He is the One who will wipe away ALL our tears and put them in a jar of remembrance. We can cast our cares upon HIM for HE CARES FOR US!

I AM is our MAKER and the CREATOR of the universe. He is omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent! He knows everything! He has ALL power! He is everywhere at all times! I AM is the Lord of Hosts! He is the Commander in Chief of the Army of Angels of the Lord. He releases holy angels who excel in strength to guard us, minister to us, and deliver messages to us from heaven. The Great I AM that I AM is the One True God! He is FOR US! AND, if God be for us, then who can be against us? I AM IS THE LORD OF HOSTS!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, we RUN to YOU! We TRUST IN YOU! COMFORT us and we WILL be comforted. DELIVER us and we WILL be delivered. Send Your Holy Angels to guard us, minister to us, and give us messages from heaven. We put our TRUST IN YOU, for You are the Great I AM that I AM! You are the LORD of HOSTS! There is nothing too difficult for YOU! We give You our hearts and our lives today. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Isaiah 51 (KJV)

1 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and

blessed him, and increased him.

3 For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

4 Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.

5 My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?

10 Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

11 Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

12 I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;

13 And forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

14 The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

15 But I am the Lord thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The Lord of hosts is his name.

16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

"Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:" Jeremiah 3:14 (KJV)

Jeremiah was an Old Testament prophet of the Lord. He, like Isaiah, warned God's people to turn their hearts back to the Lord. Jeremiah was called at a young age to give the word of the Lord to the people of God. In his day, prophets were scorned and often stoned to death if the king and the people did not like their messages. In order to be faithful to deliver the word of the Lord, both Isaiah and Jeremiah, as well as all the Old Testament prophets, had to have great courage. Today the people of God also do NOT like to hear the words from a true prophet of God. Today, many Christians desire to live in worldliness and partake of ungodly things. They like their ears to be tickled by the pastors and ministers. They do not desire any accountability for their actions and sin choices. Our modern church culture has become an "anything goes" society. However, we can learn from the mistakes of the people of God in the scriptures.

In Jeremiah three, the prophet of God warned the people of God to TURN BACK to the Lord. In their day, they had turned their hearts away from God. They had embraced the culture of the day and had taken idols. This caused them to go into captivity. When the Lord had called Abraham into a covenant relationship with Himself, He had established an ETERNAL COVENANT, one that could NOT be broken. This covenant was likened unto a "marriage covenant". The people of God were to be "married" to the Lord. By this, they were to be in an everlasting steadfast relationship with God in righteousness and holiness, following Him all the days of their lives. Alas, they fell far short of their promise to God.

But God, in His unfathomable mercy said that HE WAS MARRIED TO THEM! HE IS YAHWEH ISHI, GOD OUR HUSBAND. He said that He was married to them forever! As believers in Jesus, He is married to US FOREVER as well! When Jeremiah delivered the word of the Lord to the people of God, half of them turned their hearts back to God and half of them did not. The ones who repented and asked for forgiveness were restored back into intimacy and favor with the Lord. It is and always has been God's desire to have an intimate relationship with His people. He desires a people who will love Him, honor Him, obey Him, and live for Him. In return, He promises to bless them and give them the fullness of heaven. The Great I AM IS OUR HUSBAND! I AM IS MARRIED TO US FOREVER! I AM IS YAHWEH ISHI, GOD OUR HUSBAND!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, II desire to know You as the GREAT I AM! I desire to know You as Yahweh Ishi, God my husband. I want to know You in an intimate way. I want to live for You and serve You all the days of my life. Lord, draw me unto You! Heal my backslidden heart! Wash me clean with

the precious holy blood of Jesus. Help me to walk with You in deep intimacy all the days of my life. I desire to be married to You! In the name of Jesus, amen.

Jeremiah 3 (KJV)

1 They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the Lord.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.

3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth? 5 Will he reserve his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

6 The Lord said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever.

13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the Lord.

14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the Lord, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Lord: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any

more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

"And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I am their possession." Ezekiel 44:28 (KJV)

In the book of Ezekiel. the prophet of the Lord was addressing the priests of the Lord that had fallen into idolatry and led the people of God astray. He gave a corrective word from the Lord to them. Then, he gave a word to the priests who had remained faithful to God, walking in His ways. In Ezekiel forty-four verses sixteen through thirty-one, the prophet was releasing the favor of the Lord over the faithful priests. The Lord called the faithful priests to draw near and minister to Him. The Lord instructed them how to dress, how to wear their hair, to not drink wine in the inner court, and who they could marry. In order to approach the holy, powerful, living God, we must do certain things and follow His protocol. We must adhere to His ways and instructions. HE IS GOD!

Then the Lord instructed the faithful priests to teach the people the difference between the profane and the holy. They were to judge the people in their disputes and teach them to follow the laws of the Lord. They were to keep themselves holy, and not defile themselves. The reward of a life given to purity, holiness, and righteousness was the LORD HIMSELF! He said, "...I AM their INHERITANCE...I AM their POSSESSION." Today, the Lord God Almighty, the Great I AM THAT I AM is OUR INHERITANCE! HE IS OUR POSSESSION! We are called to be priests unto the Lord and minister to Him. We are called to walk in His holiness and righteousness through the blood of Jesus. We are called to be holy as He is holy! We are called to minister to Him, love Him, and obey Him.

The Great I AM IS OUR INHERITANCE! HE IS OUR REWARD! HE IS OUR POSSESSION! The KING OF the UNIVERSE, the Great I AM THAT I AM, is the BEST REWARD we could ever have! In Him there is LIFE and fullness of JOY! He holds ALL love, power and heaven in His hands!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I desire to be a faithful priest unto YOU! Help me to love You, follow You, and obey You. Help me to walk in righteousness, holiness, and purity before You. Help me to discern between the profane and the holy. Help me to judge situations and disputes according to Your Word. I desire to have YOU as my POSSESSION, my REWARD and my INHERITANCE! YOU ARE the Great I AM! YOU are my ALL IN ALL! YOU are my GOD! In the name of Jesus, amen.

Ezekiel 44:15-31 (KJV)

15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the

children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God:

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

17 And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat.

19 And when they go forth into the utter court, even into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments. 20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.

21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

25 And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.

26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.

27 And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord God.

28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I am their possession.

29 They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering: and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs.

30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.

31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

"So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy." Zechariah 1:14 (KJV)

Zechariah was another Old Testament prophet. He too was called to warn the people of God to turn their hearts back to the Lord. The Lord God Almighty had been very displeased that the previous generations of Israel had strayed from their faithfulness to the Lord. The Lord instructed Zechariah to tell the people to..."Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts." God was beckoning His people to return to intimacy with Him.

Afterward Zechariah had a vision of men on red horses by a myrtle tree. When he inquired of the Lord what they were, he was told that they were those who went "to and fro" throughout the earth seeking whose hearts would be completely His. Then the Lord stated that HE is "I AM JEALOUS", the Lord is jealous over Jerusalem and Zion with great jealousy. The Great I AM is married to Israel. The Great I AM is married to spiritual Israel as well, all those who believe in the name of Jesus. The Lord desires a deep intimate relationship with us, as in a marriage. When we stray from intimacy with Him and seek other people and things to satisfy our desires, HE IS JEALOUS over us. He sends holy angels to search "to and fro" throughout the earth seeking those who would be completely His.

"Yahweh Qana" is Hebrew for "the Lord is Jealous". Qana' means jealous, envious, or zealous. When we belong to the Lord, He sees us as His beautiful Bride. He desires for us to LOVE HIM and be FAITHFUL TO HIM. He desires a deep, intimate, covenant relationship with us, as in a marriage. Like a husband, who desires the love and attention from His beloved Bride, I AM IS JEALOUS OVER US! He is beckoning us to be completely HIS!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I desire to be completely YOURS! I desire to be in an intimate covenant relationship with YOU! I desire to become Your Beautiful Bride. Holy Spirit, help me to devote my heart and life to the Father and Jesus. Help me to KNOW YOU intimately. I desire to fully understand the depth of the love You have for me. Show me who You are as I AM JEALOUS! In the name of Jesus, amen.

Zechariah 1 (KJV)

1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

2 The Lord hath been sore displeased with your fathers.

3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.

4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the Lord.

5 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the Lord of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

7 Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. 9 Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be.

10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the Lord hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

11 And they answered the angel of the Lord that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest. 12 Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, O Lord of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?

13 And the Lord answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.

14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the Lord of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

"For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Malachi 3:6 (KJV)

The very last book of the Old Testament is the book of Malachi. Malachi means "messenger" in Hebrew. This Old Testament prophet was a messenger of God sent to call the people of God back into right relationship with Him. Malachi assured the people who were living for God that the Lord recognized them and remembered them in His book of remembrance. But, Malachi also warned those who were NOT living for the Lord that judgment would come to them if they did not return to God. The Lord's heart is never to HAVE to bring judgment. The Father always desires to LOVE and BLESS! However, HE knows that without warnings and judgments, our human nature will cause us to drift away from Him and into captivity that separates us from His goodness. His heart for us is always to love and bless us.

In chapter three of the book of Malachi, the prophet reveals God as "I AM the LORD, I CHANGE NOT". Our God does NOT change with the times! His character is steadfast! HE IS IMMUTABLE in His nature! He CHANGETH NOT! He is the SAME TODAY, YESTERDAY and FOREVER! HE IS GOD! What He says is right...IS RIGHT! What HE says is wrong... IS WRONG! His standard DOES NOT CHANGE! His character DOES NOT CHANGE! His nature DOES NOT CHANGE! His ways DO NOT CHANGE! HIS LOVE FOR US DOES NOT CHANGE! HE IS UNCHANGEABLE! WE are the ones who change. We decide that we will be our own god and devise our own plan. But this way of thinking is dangerous. It pulls us away from HIM, HIS love, HIS goodness, and HIS protection.

But God in His GREAT MERCY, always reaches out to us and beckons us to return to Him, our first love. He always warns us of impending danger and doom. He always warns us to return to Him, so the enemy will not have legal access into our lives. The GREAT I AM IS THE ONE TRUE GOD! The GREAT I AM IS UNCHANGEABLE! HE IS IMMUTABLE! We can trust in HIM! When we give our hearts and lives to Him, we KNOW that our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. When we live our lives in obedience to His Word and His Voice, we KNOW that He writes our names in His Book of Remembrance. HE WILL NOT FORGET US! WE ARE HIS! WE BELONG TO THE GREAT I AM!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I give You my heart and my life. I desire to KNOW YOU INTIMATELY! I desire to know You as the Great I AM, the God that changeth not! Help me to become transformed into Your image. Help me to be steadfast in my heart toward YOU! Help me to be immutable and unwavering in my heart for YOU! Holy Spirit, empower me to live my life in love, obedience, and devotion to the Great I AM! In the name of Jesus, amen.

Malachi 3 (KJV)

1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. 4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

6 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

"I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." Mark 14:62 (NIV)

In the book of Mark in the New Testament, the life of Jesus as seen and heard by His disciple Mark was told to all. Chapter twelve of the book of Mark records that Jesus was near the end of His ministry on earth and was quickly approaching death on the cross. Jesus had been anointed with oil by Mary, the sister of Lazarus. He had celebrated the Passover meal, the Last Supper, with His twelve disciples. He predicted that Peter would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed the next morning. Then He went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray for the strength to actually fulfill the will of the Father for Him to take our place as our sacrificial Lamb.

While in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus cried out to the Father to see if there was any other way to bring redemption to all mankind. He KNEW the torturous excruciating pain that lay before Him. He KNEW the enormous heavy weight of the unbearable sin and sickness of every person that would be placed upon Him on the cross. "Abba, Father," he said, "Everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." After wrestling with His own will and agonizing to the degree of sweating drops of blood, Jesus yielded to the will of the Father.

Then Judas entered the garden and betrayed Jesus with a kiss. The guards arrested Jesus and took Him before the Sanhedrin, the religious Jewish counsel. After interrogating Him and spewing false accusations toward Him, again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" "I AM," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." The Jewish counsel would NOT receive Jesus as the Messiah. Their eyes were spiritually blind and they could NOT SEE! Just as Abba Father is the Great I AM that I AM; Jesus, His Son, is I AM! Jesus said, if you have seen me, you have seen the Father. Jesus is the expressed image of the Father. Our heavenly Father is the Great I AM that I AM; and JESUS is I AM!!!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, reveal Yourself to me as the Great I AM that I AM! Jesus, reveal Yourself to me as the Son of the Living God, the Great I AM! Holy Spirit, open my eyes, that I may SEE the TRUTH and BELIEVE! I desire to KNOW You as the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One. I desire to see You as the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One. Come and reveal Yourself to me. Reveal Yourself to me as I AM! In the name of Jesus, amen.

Mark 14:52-65

Jesus Before the Sanhedrin

53 They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together.

54 Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

55 The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any.

56 Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

57 Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him:

58 "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands."

59 Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

60 Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?"

61 But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

62 "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

63 The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked.

64 "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of death.

65 Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophesy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

"And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6:35 (NKJV)

Jesus is the SON OF GOD! He is the Great I AM that I AM! Jesus is the BREAD of LIFE! In the book of John, this disciple of Christ gives an eye witness account of the great miracles and acts of Jesus as they journeyed together. Jesus and His disciples had crossed the Sea of Galilee with a multitude of people. He had performed many miraculous healings, and fed over five thousand people with the supernatural multiplication of five small loaves of bread and two small fish. Defying gravity and the laws of nature, Jesus walked across the Sea of Galilee during a storm of strong winds and raging waves. As He met the boat where His disciples were in a panic, He spoke PEACE to the storm and it immediately calmed. Then opposing the constraints of time and space, Jesus translated the boat from the midst of the sea to the distant shore in a split second. Only the One True God, the Great I AM that I AM could be the Master of time, space and matter! The world, the universe and all of creation must respond in obedience to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus and His disciples reached the other side of the sea, the multitude of people, who had been fed by the supernatural multiplication of the fish and loaves, sailed across the water to follow Him. Because the people did not see Jesus leave with His disciples in the boat, they asked Him when and how He arrived there. They were baffled because they saw His disciples leave in the boat, but He did not go with them. In fact, He did not see Jesus leave in ANY boat to cross the sea. Jesus, knowing ALL things, because He is the Great I AM that I AM, perceived that the people had followed Him there because He had fed them, NOT because of the miracles He had performed. They were focused on their natural hunger, NOT on their spiritual hunger. Because they could not see Him by the spirit, they could not recognize that He was the Son of God.

Jesus told the people, "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." Even after witnessing miraculous healings and the supernatural multiplication of food, they STILL could NOT SEE that Jesus was the Great I AM. They could not see past the natural realm. They asked for another miracle, a manifestation of manna from heaven. Then Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." And Jesus said to them, "I AM the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

JESUS IS the BREAD OF LIFE! HE IS LIFE EVERLASTING! HE IS the Great I AM that I AM! HE IS the SON of the LIVING GOD! HE IS the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE! NO ONE or NOTHING can or will satisfy your spiritual hunger but JESUS! There is NONE other than HE!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, give me this day my daily bread! Give me JESUS! Let me hunger and thirst for Jesus, His truth and His righteousness! Holy Spirit, reveal the fullness of JESUS to me as my spiritual sustenance. Holy Spirit, reveal Jesus to me as the Great I AM! Holy Spirit, reveal Jesus to me as the BREAD of LIFE! In the name of Jesus, amen.

John 6:22-40

The Bread from Heaven

22 On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone — 23 however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks— 24 when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. 25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?" \26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

28 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

30 Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

"Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I AM HE, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things." John 8:28 (KJV)

In the New Testament in the book of John, Jesus often went to the Mount of Olives to pray and seek His heavenly Father. After praying, He would receive instructions for His assignment for that day. He listened to the voice of the Father and observed what the Father was doing in heaven. This is how He knew where to go and what to speak; for He said, "I only say what I hear My Father saying, and I only do what I see My Father doing." When He had received His assignment, Jesus went to the temple to teach. The religious leaders of the Jews did not like Jesus because He spoke with authority, performed the miraculous, and drew the attention of the people away from them. These scribes and Pharisees were persistent in their pursuit of finding a way to disqualify Him in the eyes of the people.

So, the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman before Him who had been caught in the act of adultery, which was a huge sin. The Law of Moses called for her to be punished by being stoned to death. They asked Jesus what He thought her punishment should be. If Jesus did not respond with "stone her to death", He would be wrong in the eyes of the law and thus disqualified before the people. If He said, "have mercy on her", He would be wrong in the eyes of the Pharisees, and accused of heresy. However, Jesus is the Great I AM! He knew their wicked thoughts and evil hearts. He knew that their intent was to rid themselves of Him forever.

With wisdom from the Holy Spirit, Jesus responded in a uniquely unexpected manner. He knelt down on the ground and wrote with His finger in the sand. And He said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." After seeing this peculiar action, all the scribes, Pharisees and people dropped their stones and left immediately. Suddenly her accusers were gone and Jesus said that He did not condemn her either. According to the Jewish traditions at that time, it is said that when someone was accused of a sin, that the sin was written in a container of sand by the rabbi so that it could be seen and read. Then the rabbi would mix it with a liquid and the accused would drink it. If he or she was innocent of the sin, nothing would happen to them. If they were guilty, they would become ill from the mixture or even die. This practice would prove their innocence or guilt. It is proposed that Jesus as a rabbi did not actually write HER SIN in the sand, but the SIN OF HER ACCUSERS. If this in fact happened, then the accusers of the woman caught in adultery left in shame, because their own sins were exposed. Only the One True God could KNOW the evil thoughts, intents of the heart, and the sins of people.

Then Jesus revealed Himself to the people as the Light of the World. He said, "I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him." They understood not that he spake to them of the Father. Then said Jesus unto them, "When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I **AM HE**, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. As he spake these words, many believed on him." JESUS IS the LIGHT of the WORLD! JESUS IS the SON of the LIVING GOD! JESUS is the Great I AM!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, Please forgive me of ALL my sin. Lord, I forgive all who have sinned against me. Jesus, YOU ARE the GREAT I AM THAT I AM! You ARE the SON of GOD! You ARE the LIGHT of the WORLD! You are the SAVIOR of the WORLD! Open my eyes to see, my ears to hear, and my heart to receive the TRUTH of WHO YOU ARE! Lord, I have heard these things and I believe that YOU ARE HE! In the name of Jesus, amen.

John 8 (KJV)

1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? 6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true:

for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. 15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. 17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. 19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. 23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning.

26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.
"Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he." John 9:9 (KJV)

In the book of John in the New Testament, Jesus was in the temple in Jerusalem teaching. After Jesus forgave the woman who was caught in the act of adultery, he admonished her to go and SIN NO MORE, Jesus not only forgave this woman, but He set her free from a destructive lifestyle with the power of His spoken word, "Go and sin no more". The power in the spoken word of Jesus carries the miraculous! HE IS THE GREAT I AM THAT I AM! In the beginning Jesus was with the Father and together they created the universe, the earth and everything therein. Jesus is the LIVING WORD OF GOD!

After further teaching in the temple of God, Jesus' disciples asked Him why a certain man was born blind. They had an understanding that sin brought about sickness, death and destruction in the lives of people, so they were curious about WHAT DOOR of sin opened for the man to become blind. Was it his fault or the fault of his parents? We, as people with limited understanding, try to figure out things in our own ability. We want to assign blame or guilt to try to understand why certain things happen. But, our ways are not God's ways. Our limited human minds cannot begin to understand the ways and purposes of God. His ways are higher than our ways!

Jesus told his disciples that the reason for the man's blindness was not a result of SIN; instead, it was so the glory and power of God could be made manifest to the people. We, being earthlyminded and not heavenly minded, only reason by the earthly realm. However, Jesus came to reveal the heavenly realm, the realm of the Father, the Great I AM that I AM. When all the inhabitants of the city, who had seen and known the blind beggar all his life, observed Jesus miraculously healing him, they were amazed and astonished. The man who had been BLIND FROM BIRTH could now see for the first time in his life! By the instruction and word of Jesus, the BLIND EYES WERE OPENED! When the people saw this miracle, "Some said, this is he: others said, He is like him: but HE said, I AM HE." They recognized with their spiritual eyes that JESUS IS HE! JESUS IS the SAVIOR of the WORLD!

JESUS IS the SON of the LIVING GOD! JESUS IS the Great I AM that I AM! JESUS IS the LIVING WORD of GOD! The blind beggar's eyes were opened in the natural earthly realm by the miraculous power and glory of God. The people's spiritual eyes were opened by observing the miraculous power and glory of God.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, open my eyes to SEE! I want to SEE in the spiritual realm! I want to SEE what

You are doing! I want to SEE beyond this earthly realm! Open the eyes of my spirit. Open the eyes of my understanding. Help me to SEE as YOU SEE! SEEING IS BELIEVING! In the name of Jesus, amen.

John 9 (KJV)

1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. 12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.

13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.

19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.

22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed

already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?

28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.

29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. 30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:" John 11:25 (KJV)

In the New Testament in the book of John, Jesus was preaching in a town near Jerusalem. He received a message that His friend Lazarus, who lived in Bethany, was very ill and near death. Lazarus was the brother of Mary, the one who anointed Jesus' feet with expensive oil and wiped His feet with her hair. His other sister was named Martha, she was the busy one. The message sent for Jesus to come heal Lazarus was urgent, but Jesus did not go to Bethany for two days. He declared that Lazarus' sickness was not unto death, but for the glory of God.

When Jesus finally arrived in Bethany Lazarus had already died. Everyone there was weeping and mourning the loss of their brother and friend. In their limited earthly thinking, they knew Jesus could have healed him while he was alive; but, they did not even consider the fact that He could also resurrect Lazarus from the dead. In their human understanding of who Jesus really is, they could not imagine glory and power beyond what they had experienced in the natural. Their faith was limited.

When Martha met Jesus as He entered Bethany, she said, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I AM the RESURRECTION, and the LIFE: he that BELIEVETH in me, though he were dead, yet shall he LIVE: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." Jesus challenged Martha's faith in Him to rise to a higher level. He drew her faith upward to have faith for the miraculous even over death. When Martha released the words out of her mouth, "I believe," her faith elevated from the earthly realm to the heavenly realm, from human faith to God faith. She no longer believed based on what she saw with her natural eyes. NOW, she believed based on what she saw with her spiritual eyes, on who JESUS IS!

Then Jesus walked over to the grave, had them roll away the stone, and commanded, "LAZARUS, COME FORTH!" Suddenly, Lazarus came walking out of the tomb wrapped in grave clothes and was fully ALIVE! Then, many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on Him. JESUS IS the GREAT I AM that I AM! JESUS IS the RESURRECTION and the LIFE! JESUS IS the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE! JESUS IS the CHRIST, the SON of the LIVING GOD! Jesus said, "If thou wouldest BELIEVE, thou shouldest SEE the GLORY of GOD."

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, open my eyes! Help me to SEE in the Spirit! Help me to have GREAT FAITH! Lord, help me to BELIEVE IN YOU and WHO YOU ARE! I want to SEE, BELIEVE, and have GOD FAITH! Lord, help me to see from the heavenly realm, not the earthly realm. JESUS, YOU ARE the RESURRECTION and the LIFE! YOU ARE the GREAT I AM! Stretch my faith to BELIEVE IN YOU! In the name of Jesus, amen.

John 11 (KJV)

1 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

7 Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again.

8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:

19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

29 As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

"They answered him, 'Jesus of Nazareth'. Jesus saith unto them, 'I AM HE'. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. AS SOON then as he had said unto them, 'I AM HE', they went BACKWARD, and FELL to the GROUND." John 18:5-6 (KJV)

In the eighteenth chapter of the book of John, Jesus had come to the end of His earthy ministry, preaching the Kingdom of God. He had retreated into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray before going to the cross. Jesus KNEW exactly what would happen before it happened. He CHOSE to go to the cross and die for our sins, because of His great LOVE for us. After hours of intense blood-sweating prayers He awaited the betrayal of Judas, one of His chosen. Judas entered the garden with a band of Pharisees and guards to arrest Jesus in the middle of the night. They knew they had to arrest Him in secret darkness because the people would have protested if it had been done in broad daylight.

Judas betrayed Jesus by leading the Pharisees and guards to the garden where Jesus went to have prayer and have solitude, (a place of intimacy). He betrayed His master, friend, and teacher with a KISS on the cheek. The sign of love and intimacy became perverted into a sign of greed, hatred, and betrayal by an evil heart. When they entered the garden, Jesus said, "Whom do you seek?" Jesus already knew they had come to arrest Him. "They answered him, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus saith unto them, 'I AM HE.' And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. AS SOON then as he had said unto them, 'I AM HE,' they went BACKWARD, and FELL to the ground."

AS SOON AS JESUS SAID, "I AM HE," they FELL BACKWARD! When Jesus spoke those words, the POWER of His declaration released the Holy Spirit to overtake and overwhelm the guards and Pharisees who had come to arrest Him. If this had happened in broad daylight in the temple where He had taught day after day, ALL would have seen, heard, and known that He truly was the Great I AM! The Pharisees and Scribes devised the plan to arrest Jesus at night, to keep the demonstration of that revelation hidden from the people. No doubt the religious leaders were knocked to the ground by the POWER of I AM! However, their hearts were hardened and filled with jealousy and anger, so they continued with their evil plot to crucify Him.

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the Great I AM that I AM! JESUS IS the SON of the LIVING GOD, I AM! He is the manifest image of His Father, the Great I AM! JESUS IS the Great I AM! All power and authority were given to Him by His Father in heaven. Jesus said, "I AM HE!"

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, reveal Your GREAT LOVE and POWER to me! Lord, give me the revelation that

You are the Great I AM! Lord, I desire to KNOW YOU as the Great I AM! Open my eyes, my ears and my heart to see, hear and Know YOU! In the name of Jesus, amen.

John 18 (KJV)

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

2 And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with his disciples.

3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground. 7 Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: 9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

"Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am." John 13:13 (KJV)

Before Jesus was arrested by the Pharisees and the guards, He spent the evening celebrating Passover with His chosen twelve disciples. When they had finished the Passover feast, Judas left to engage in the betrayal plot against Jesus. Jesus then removed His rabbi attire and took a towel and girded it around His waist. Changing His garments was a sign of laying down His role of rabbi and Master to become a servant to the twelve. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet. This act was a customary one for the servants of a home to fulfill upon the guests. Washing the feet of your guests removed all the dirt, sand and dust of the day, so they could relax in a clean environment while they supped together. The master of the house did not perform this act, however, the SERVANTS did.

Jesus' disciples did not understand why their MASTER would stoop low to a SERVANT's posture and wash their feet. At first, Peter told Jesus NOT to wash his feet. Jesus replied that if He did not wash Peter's feet, then Peter could have no part of Him. Peter's response, of course, was for Jesus to wash his feet, his hands, and his head also. Like Peter, we should desire for Jesus to completely wash us from head to toe with His glorious presence and with His precious holy blood. Then Jesus said that all whom He had washed were clean, (except Judas). When the Lamb of God washes us clean, WE ARE CLEAN INDEED! The Blood of Jesus cleanses from ALL sin and unrighteousness!

Then Jesus said, "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I AM. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord; neither is he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." JESUS IS OUR LORD and MASTER! HE IS the GREAT I AM that I AM! JESUS IS the SERVANT OF ALL! "Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13 (KJV)

JESUS, the GREAT I AM, our LORD and MASTER, laid down His life for us so that WE MIGHT LIVE FOREVER WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER! The LOVE of JESUS for US ALL is UNFATHOMABLE! It is as deep as the sea, as wide as the seashore, and as immeasurable as the sand of the shore. He removed His heavenly garments of Glory, (the incorruptible), to come down to earth and put on the garment of flesh and humanity, (the corruptible). The KING OF GLORY became the Son of Man so that we might be saved! The KING became a SERVANT and gave His life for us, washing us with His blood.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, please reveal the mystery of the heart of my servant/king, Jesus. Holy Spirit, help me to fully grasp the immense LOVE of the Great I AM! Help me to receive the FULL washing of the blood of Jesus, transforming my body, soul and spirit. Holy Spirit, help me to SEE JESUS as the GREAT I AM! In the name of Jesus, amen.

John 13 (KJV)

1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

"Jesus answered, "I AM the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (KJV)

In this chapter of the book of John, Jesus was addressing His disciples before He went to the cross. He was revealing that He was the ONLY way to heaven. In their day and time, just as in ours, there were many different religions and types of pagan worship. Each of these worship practices embraced traditions of men, religious acts and rituals that were supposed to enable a person to enter an afterlife in heaven or paradise. Jesus emphatically stated the TRUTH that HE; and HE ALONE IS the ONLY WAY TO THE FATHER. There is NO OTHER WAY by which men can be saved! Jesus stated, "I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE!" JESUS IS the ONLY WAY to HEAVEN!

Making this statement to His disciples sparked questions within them. They wanted to SEE the Father. They wanted to have visible proof with their natural eyes. Jesus told them, if they had seen Him, they had seen the Father. Jesus IS the Son of the Living God, the Son of I AM! Jesus is IN the Father and the Father is IN Him. He and His Father are ONE! They are inseparable! Jesus IS I AM! The disciples had gotten so familiar with seeing the humanity of Jesus with their natural eyes, that they were having trouble seeing Him through their spiritual eyes. Jesus told them to believe Him based on the TRUTH that He had spoken and on the MIRACLES He had performed. Jesus came to reveal our heavenly Father to us by revealing His LOVE, POWER, HEALING, MIRACLES, SIGNS, WONDERS, and complete RESTORATION! JESUS IS FROM GOD the FATHER! JESUS REVEALS GOD the FATHER! JESUS RESTORES US BACK to GOD the FATHER! JESUS IS the SON of GOD THE FATHER! JESUS IS the GREAT I AM!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, forgive me for seeing You through the lens of my natural eyes only. Father, open up my spiritual eyes to see You, to see in the heavenly realms, and to see the TRUTH of WHO YOU ARE! Jesus, thank You for making a way for me to SEE and KNOW the Father. Reveal the fullness of who You are to me as I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE! I want to KNOW YOU intimately! In the name of Jesus, amen.

John 14 (KJV)

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that

where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

"And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." Acts 9:5 (NKJV)

The book of Acts had taken place after Jesus had been crucified, died, resurrected from the dead and ascended into heaven. One hundred twenty disciples and followers went to the Upper Room to wait upon the Lord for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. All those who were there received the Holy Spirit and power from on high with tongues of fire. Three thousand people in Jerusalem were saved that day by the power of the Holy Spirit resting on all the disciples and followers of Jesus. The church increased in numbers rapidly, which made the Pharisees angrier than they had been before.

Saul was a Pharisee and was also a Christian hater. He believed that he was doing God a favor by arresting, persecuting and even killing the followers of Jesus. He had made it his life's mission to hunt down, torture, and murder Christians; thus extinguishing the quickly multiplying church of Jesus Christ. On Saul's journey to Damascus to find and imprison more Christians, he was suddenly knocked off his horse by a powerful, blinding, bright light. "Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' And he said, 'Who are You, Lord?' Then the Lord said, 'I AM Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' So he, trembling and astonished, said, 'Lord, what do You want me to do?'"

Many people in this world become angry when confronted with the truth that Jesus is the Savior of the world and the Son of the Living God. They become angry at the ones who believe in Jesus. They become angry at those who share the love of God with them. Their hearts literally rebel against the love of God. Instead of receiving LOVE, they harbor ANGER. They desire to somehow punish or persecute the ones who bear the Good News, instead of embracing the Great I AM. Saul had an encounter with the One True God which literally knocked him off his horse to the ground. The presence of the Almighty Son of God was so intense with supernatural power and brilliant light that Saul could not see or move! He was pressed down to the ground by the weighty glory of the Great I AM! When he realized that this powerful being was JESUS, the one whom he persecuted by persecuting His followers, Saul was instantly converted to Christianity! It was no longer about a religion, IT WAS ABOUT A REAL PERSON...JESUS!

Through this encounter, Saul became Paul, which means "little preacher". Now, he was commissioned to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ! When we have an authentic encounter with the Great I AM, we are changed forever! We no longer see from our natural eyes, we now see from our spiritual eyes. We behold the splendor and beauty of His holiness

and majesty! We see the Great I AM that I AM in His radiant, magnificent glory! Our identity is changed! Our destiny is changed! Our thinking is changed! Everything is changed when we behold Him in His power and glory! JESUS IS the GREAT I AM! JESUS IS the SAVIOR of the WORLD! JESUS is the SON of the LIVING GOD! JESUS IS ALL POWERFUL and ALL GLORIOUS!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I do not want an empty religion to follow and practice. I desire to have a REAL relationship with the PERSON of JESUS CHRIST, Your Holy Son! Lord, knock me off my religious horse. Reveal to me who YOU really are! I desire to know You as the Great I AM! I desire to be filled with your Holy Spirit, with POWER and GLORY! In the name of Jesus, amen.

Acts 9 (NKJV)

The Damascus Road: Saul Converted

9 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?"

Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.[a] It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"

Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Ananias Baptizes Saul

10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias."

And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

11 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." 13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus,[b] who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:5 (KJV)

In chapter eight of the book of John, Jesus was on the Mount of Olives with His disciples teaching the people about the heavenly Father. He had just forgiven the woman caught in adultery and dismissed her accusers. Then, He went to teach in the temple. He was revealing that He was indeed the GREAT I AM, but the people could not hear the truth. Their spiritual ears were dull of hearing because they had not been opened yet by the Holy Spirit to hear and perceive the truth.

Then Jesus passed by a man who was blind from birth. Jesus' disciples asked Him why the man had become blind, was it caused by the sin of his parents or by the man himself? Jesus' response must have puzzled them. He said that neither one were at fault. Instead, the man's blindness was so that the WORKS of GOD (His GLORY) should be made manifest! Then Jesus continued to say that as long as He was in the world, He must do the works of the Father who had sent Him from heaven. The WORKS of God are the signs, wonders and miracles of the Lord. These WORKS can only be wrought when the LIGHT is present. JESUS IS the LIGHT of the WORLD! HE is the manifest GLORY of GOD! Then He said, "As long as I am in the world, I AM the LIGHT of the world."

Then Jesus bent down toward the ground, made a mud cake of spittle and clay, and anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. Jesus told the man to go wash out his eyes in the pool of Siloam. (Hebrew for "sent") So the man went to the pool as Jesus had instructed, washed his eyes, and HE COULD SEE!!!! A man who had been BLIND FROM BIRTH COULD NOW SEE CLEARLY! All the people around him could not believe it. Was this really the same man that they had seen begging in the temple all their lives??? When they questioned him, he told them that Jesus had healed him. When the BLIND man heard the TRUTH, and OBEYED the WORD, he RECEIVED his MIRACLE! When WE HEAR the TRUTH, OBEY HIS WORD, then we will RECEIVE a MIRACLE! Our BLIND EYES WILL BE OPENED! Our DEAF EARS WILL BE OPENED! We will SEE JESUS for who He really IS! JESUS IS the GREAT I AM! JESUS IS the LIGHT of the WORLD! When the LIGHT of JESUS SHINES IN and THROUGH US, then WE TOO WILL DO the WORKS of the LORD!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, Let the LIGHT of Your Son Jesus SHINE on me! Let Your glorious, powerful LIGHT open my spiritual eyes, open my spiritual ears, and dispel ALL spiritual darkness within me! Lord, let Your LIGHT so SHINE upon me that I may SEE Your good WORKS and GLORIFY my Father in heaven. Let Your LIGHT so SHINE THROUGH me that men may SEE Your good WORKS through ME and GLORIFY my Father in heaven! In the name of Jesus, amen.

John 9 (KJV)

1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

"Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." John 8:58 KJV

One of the most powerful scriptures in the New Testament is John 8:58. In this scripture, Jesus was teaching in the temple among the people. He had just healed the man who was lame from birth. Jesus was telling the people that they should BELIEVE in HIM, ABIDE in HIS WORD, KNOW the TRUTH, and BE FREE! They were HEARING the LIVING WORD of GOD (JESUS), but they could NOT HEAR what the SPIRIT was saying. They argued that they were already free because they were Abraham's seed and had the blessings of Abraham.

Then Jesus said, "I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father." They told Jesus that Abraham was their father. They were indeed descendants of Abraham, but they did not KNOW that God's Son was in their very midst. If their spiritual lives had been correctly aligned with God the Father, then they would have recognized Jesus as the Son of God. But Jesus KNEW that their hearts were far from God. He said, "If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

The people could NOT HEAR the truth! Their spiritual ears were deaf and their spiritual eyes were blind. Because they wanted to KILL Jesus, He knew that they did NOT KNOW the Father. If they really KNEW the Father, they would have easily recognized His Son. Their wicked hearts desired to KILL Jesus revealing that they were the sons of their father, the devil. The devil goes around seeking whom he may devour. His desire is to steal, KILL, and destroy! BUT, God's desire is to SAVE, HEAL and GIVE LIFE! Jesus went about doing GOOD! He SAVED, HEALED, and GAVE LIFE!

As the conflict between Jesus and the people arose, Jesus said that Abraham rejoiced to see Jesus' day coming to pass. From heaven, Abraham saw the future of Jesus coming to the earth to die for our sins. The people could NOT HEAR what Jesus was saying. They asked Him how could that be true, because Jesus was less than fifty years old and Abraham had been dead for many years. Thinking only with their carnal earthly minds, they wondered how could Jesus have possibly seen Abraham? Jesus answered them by saying, "...Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM." This statement blew the roof off of the temple! Jesus was saying that HE IS the GREAT I AM! HE IS the ETERNALLY SELF-EXISTENT ONE! HE was PRESENT in Heaven from

ETERNITY PAST, and will be PRESENT in ETERNITY FUTURE! JESUS IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE! HE IS the I AM! He and HIS FATHER ARE ONE!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, please forgive me for any anger, hatred, or evil within my heart. Holy Spirit, I want to truly KNOW YOU! Holy Spirit, please stir up a hunger and a thirst in me for Your WORD, the TRUTH! Holy Spirit, help me to KNOW JESUS as the Great I AM, the ETERNALLY SELF-EXISTING ONE! Open my eyes to see, my ears to hear and my heart to understand the truth of WHO JESUS IS, the Great I AM! In the name of Jesus, amen.

John 8:31-59 KJV

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye

continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?

49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.

50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

"Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." John 10:7 (KJV)

Jesus had just healed the blind man who was blind from birth. He had been confronted by the unbelieving Pharisees. He had revealed Himself to all the people as the Son of God and the true Messiah, but many could NOT SEE the truth. They were spiritually blind. The TRUTH was standing in front of them in the form of a person, JESUS, but they could not see what was right in front of their eyes.

Jesus began to speak to the people and the Pharisees. He spoke in a parable or story in which everyone in that day could relate. Many of the people of that day were sheep herders, or shepherds. They owned and raised sheep which were sold for sacrifices, food, or wool. They all understood the nature of the sheep and how they responded to the whistle or voice of the shepherd. They understood how the sheep were corralled into a pen for safety and protection. They understood that there was one gate or door by which the sheep entered. Only a thief or a robber would try to climb over the wall of the pen to steal the sheep.

So, Jesus described Himself as the GOOD SHEPHERD whose voice the sheep, all true believers, would follow. He stated that He and He alone was the DOOR. He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, I AM the door of the sheep...I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Jesus was saying that HE IS the ONE and ONLY WAY to the FATHER! There is NO other way by which mankind can be saved.

Satan, the enemy of our souls, is a FALSE LYING VOICE. He is constantly trying to steal the sheep, or people, who belong to God. He tries to lure them away from God by speaking LIES into their ears causing them to fall into temptation or to be led astray. His sole purpose is to separate us from the One True God. He is a WOLF in sheep's clothing. He ultimately desires to KILL and DESTROY us and our families. We must learn to hear the voice of the GOOD SHEPHARD, JESUS! HE IS the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE! HE IS the LOVING, PROTECTIVE SHEPHERD who WATCHES OVER HIS SHEEP, HIS PEOPLE. HIS VOICE IS the ONLY VOICE WE SHOULD LISTEN TO and FOLLOW! HE IS the GOOD SHEHERD, the GREAT I AM! HE SAVES, HEALS, DELIVERS, PROTECTS, and RESTORES! HIS GREAT LOVE and ABUNDANT LIFE IS FOR ALL ETERNITY!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to save, heal, deliver and protect me. Thank You for pouring Your great love out on me through the cross of Calvary. Holy Spirit, open my eyes and my ears to SEE JESUS and to HEAR HIS VOICE! Holy Spirit, help me to keep my eyes fixed on Him alone, and my ears attuned to His voice only. In the name of Jesus, amen.

John 10 (KJV)

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." John 15:1 (KJV)

In chapter fifteen of the book of John, Jesus was revealing the Kingdom of God and the heavenly Father to His disciples. This was the last time He would pour into them before He went to the cross. He compared the Kingdom of God to a garden and the heavenly Father to the husbandman, or caretaker, of the garden. In addition to the occupation of being a shepherd, many people of that day were farmers, or gardeners. They grew fruit and vegetables for themselves and for others. This comparison of the Kingdom of God to a garden was one in which they could also relate, because many were gardeners.

Jesus said, "I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." By this, Jesus meant that He was the vine or the one planted by His heavenly Father in the garden, the world. His heavenly Father was characterized in this parable as the husbandman, or gardener. Jesus compared the people of the world to the branches of the vine. Those who "ABIDE IN the VINE" are the believers. They are the ones who are connected to the source of LIFE, Jesus, and receive life-giving sap, the Holy Spirit. Those who do not believe in Jesus, or those who refuse to accept His powerful love, are those branches that become withered and get broken off the vine of life.

When we abide in the true VINE of LIFE, JESUS, we receive the life-giving sap of the Holy Spirit. We also are lovingly pruned by the gardener, our heavenly Father, so we will bear fruit. The fruit we bear is both inward and outward. The inward fruit is the Fruit of the Spirit; it is the character and nature of God. The outward fruit is the fruit of souls being won into the Kingdom of God. Our heavenly Father planted Jesus into the garden of this world so that we could be grafted into the vine, Jesus. Through salvation and belief in Jesus, we are grafted into the vine. Through abiding in Him, in intimacy with Him, we are nourished by the life-giving sap of the Holy Spirit and we will bear fruit.

JESUS IS the VINE! HE IS the SOURCE of LIFE! HE IS the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE! HE IS LIFE and LIFE MORE ABUNDANT! HE IS the SON of the LIVING GOD! HE IS the GREAT I AM! HE IS LIFE!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I desire to ABIDE in the TRUE VINE of LIFE! I desire to KNOW JESUS in deep intimacy! I want to receive the life-giving SAP of the HOLY SPIRIT! Holy Spirit, flow through me and help me to bear much fruit for the Kingdom of God. Transform me into Your image and likeness. Change my character and nature into Yours. Help me bear much fruit, both inward and outward. In the name of Jesus, amen.

John 15:1-8 (KJV)

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8 (KJV)

In the book of Revelation in the New Testament, John was taken up to heaven and given the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Great I AM. John, the disciple that Jesus loved, had been taken prisoner and sent to the Island of Patmos to work in the rock quarries. This was his punishment for being a Christian and preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. John had already suffered much persecution from the Romans and the Jewish leaders. While imprisoned, he wrote letters to the churches in different cities to encourage them NOT to give up on their faith. The book of Revelation describes John's encounter in heaven with the Lord Jesus Christ. It also reveals events to come at the end of the age.

In Revelation chapter one, John begins to describe his adventure through the heavenlies into the throne room of God. He describes Jesus as the One who was and is and is to come. That is the same description of the heavenly Father, Yahweh, the eternally self-existent One. The Heavenly Father, Yahweh, is the Great I AM! Jesus said, "I and my Father are One!" So, Jesus is the Great I AM! Jesus was the Word in the beginning. He was with the Father. Jesus is described by John in chapter one verse four as, "him which is, and which was, and which is to come". Again in verse eight, Jesus says, "I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

From the beginning, Jesus was one with the Father. He is eternally self-existing with the Father. He is the Almighty God! He left His eternal heavenly kingdom to descend to this earth, put on the flesh of mankind, live without sin, die upon the cross for our sins, arise from death and the grave, ascend back to heaven, and rule and reign as King of kings and Lord of lords, His mission was to redeem us back into intimacy with the Father. Jesus IS the Great I AM that I AM! He IS the Eternally Self-existent One! He IS the ALPHA and the OMEGA, the BEGINNING and the END! HE IS ALMIGHTY GOD!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I desire to have a revelation of Jesus as the Great I AM! Open my eyes to SEE JESUS as the Alpha and the Omega! I desire to SEE JESUS as the One who was and is and who is to come. I desire to SEE JESUS as the Almighty God! I desire to SEE JESUS as the Great I AM! Jesus, reveal Yourself to me, I want to SEE You face to face! In the name of Jesus, amen.

Revelation 1 (KJV)

 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:
 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

"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:" Revelation 1:17 (KJV)

In the book of Revelation chapter one, John had ascended into heaven to experience an encounter with the Great I AM, Jesus Christ. John described this event as "being in the spirit". In the natural earthly realm, John was in a rock quarry prison with stinking men who had probably not bathed or eaten well since their arrest. In order to overcome the misery of prison life, I am sure John spent much time in prayer and worship as he worked. In the midst of his torment of imprisonment, John was able to connect with God. He was able to find a place of intimacy and peace within his spirit. During this time of earthy impoverishment, John became spiritually enriched! The Holy Spirit came upon John and he ascended to heaven to meet his Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

During John's encounter with Jesus, he saw the Lord in the midst of seven candlesticks, which are the seven churches. John described the vision of the Lord as follows: "And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength."

When John beheld Jesus is all his magnificent splendor, glory, and majesty, he fell on his face in fear and reverence. Then John heard Jesus say, "Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I AM alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" Jesus died on the cross for the punishment of OUR sins. He went to the bowels of hell to take back the keys of hell and death from the evil one, Satan. Then he ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father as King of kings and Lord of lords. HE IS the FIRST and the LAST! HE IS ALIVE FOREVERMORE! AND HE RULES and REIGNS with ALL POWER and AUTHORITY! JESUS IS the GREAT I AM! When we SEE HIM as HE really IS in ALL HIS SPLENDOR, GLORY and MAGNIFICENCE, we will fall prostrate before Him in worship and adoration!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I desire to experience the powerful revelation of Jesus Christ as the King of Majesty who rules and reigns in Heaven. Lord, draw me by the spirit to "Come Up Here". Holy Spirit, bring me into a deep place of intimacy with You so that I may encounter the Great I AM in all His glory. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Revelation 1:9-20 (KJV)

9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. 12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

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:

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Revelation 1:18 (KJV)

In the book of Revelation in the first chapter, John had been taken up to heaven and had encountered Jesus, the Great I AM. When John beheld the magnificence of Jesus' glory, it was more than mortal flesh could withstand. In the appearance of the form of a human being, but radiating with the blinding light of a trillion stars, Jesus shown before John in all his splendor and glory. The light of His majestic glorious being was so bright that John could not stand in His presence. He fell on his face before Jesus in humble obeisance to the One True God of the Universe. John described the appearance of the Lord in the terms of a man. He said that Jesus' hair was like white wool, as white as snow. His eyes were a flaming fire. His feet were as brass burning in a fire, and his voice was as loud and forceful as a waterfall. JESUS WAS ILLUMINATED WITH THE FIRE and GLORY of GOD! JESUS WAS IN HIS GLORIFIED HEAVENLY BODY!

Not only did the sight of Jesus cause John to fall prostrate, but the sheer power of the fire and glory of His presence overwhelmed John. When we come near to the unfathomable power of the One True God of the Universe, we are overshadowed by His intense power and glory. The magnitude of His presence overwhelming us causes us to feel as though we are being electrocuted by high voltage power. The electricity surging through our bodies cause us to fall at His feet in humble worship. It is as if every cell in our bodies is receiving an electric shock that explodes with light and glory. It feels as if with one more drop of His power and glory, we would explode and melt into nothingness. We fall at His feet as dead. But God, in His great mercy, withholds that drop. He reveals Himself to us as He really is, the GREAT I AM!

Then Jesus said to John, "Fear not; I am the first and the last: I AM he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." JESUS IS ALIVE! JESUS IS LIFE! IN HIM WE LIVE and MOVE and HAVE OUR BEING! JESUS IS the ONE TRUE GOD! JESUS IS the GREAT I AM! JESUS IS the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE! There is NONE other than HE! HE IS THE ONE TRUE GOD! HE IS the GREAT I AM!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, thank You for JESUS! Lord, reveal Yourself to me as the Great I AM! Lord, overshadow me with Yourself! Overshadow me with You power and glory! Lord, let the lightening and thunder of heaven crash over my life! Let Your high voltage electricity course through, my body! SHOW ME YOUR GORY! In the name of Jesus, amen.

Revelation 1:12-20 (KJV)

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

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:

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

"... and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works." Revelation 2:23 (KJV)

In the book of Revelation chapter two, Jesus had given John messages to give to the churches in the various cities of that day. There were seven main churches each having positive attributes; and some having a few negative attributes as well. Jesus commended the churches for the good they had been doing, but issued a strong warning to them for allowing sin to reign in the hearts of the believers. Jesus warned the churches to "return to their first love", which is Jesus Himself.

In Revelation chapter two verse eighteen, Jesus was addressing the church of Thyatira. He complimented this church for their good works of charity and service, which was their reasonable duty. He also complimented them for having displayed the character traits of God in having patience and faith. BUT, He had this AGAINST them. They had allowed a spirit of Jezabel to operate in some of the people in the church. This spirit allowed the people to be taught that living a life of sin and fornication was acceptable to God. This spirit also seduced the people of God to compromise and live an unholy lifestyle. Because He is merciful, the Lord gave the people of this church operating in this spirit a chance to repent. But they DID NOT! The result of a life of sin is death. Today, we cannot spit in the face of Jesus by mocking Him and the price He paid for us by living in sin. He calls us to be holy as He is holy.

Then Jesus said, "I AM he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works." JESUS IS the Great I AM! HE IS the ONE TRUE GOD! HE has the authority and power to forgive sin, and to judge the hearts and lives of mankind. He is the holy perfect Lamb of God who was without sin. He alone is the only one who can take away the sins of the world. It is only by the power of His Blood and His Name that we are saved from the penalty of sin, which is death. Because He is Almighty God, He searches the hearts of every person to SEE whose heart is really HIS! If we LOVE HIM, then we will live a holy life given to Him. JESUS IS LOVE! JESUS IS MERCY! JESUS IS the JUST JUDGE of the UNIVERSE! JESUS searches the heart of all mankind. JESUS IS HE! JESUS IS the GREAT I AM!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, please forgive me of all the ways I have allowed sin to come into my heart. Wash me clean with the precious holy Blood of Jesus! I repent of ALL sin. I desire to be holy as Jesus is holy! Holy Spirit, help me to live a holy lifestyle before my God and my King. Help me to return to Jesus, my first love. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Revelation 2:18-29 (KJV)

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. 24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

"And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." Revelation 21:6 (KJV)

In the book of Revelation in the New Testament, the disciple John had been taken up to heaven and had been given a revelation of Jesus as the LIVING King of all kings. John saw Jesus high in lifted up in all His splendor, glory and magnificence. John was also given the revelation of things to come to the earth. Toward the end of the book of Revelation, John saw a new heaven and a new earth being established. The people of the nations of the earth will have been battling either on the side of the One True God or on the side of Satan, our enemy. When Jesus and His mighty holy angels come to earth to defeat all the powers of darkness, then He will establish a new heaven and a new earth.

As ALL things are made NEW by Jesus, the Great I AM, a NEW HOLY city of Jerusalem will descend from God the Father out of heaven. This New Jerusalem will be the new dwelling place of our God. The city will be adorned with enormous beautiful walls made of gigantic gemstones. There will be streets of solid gold and melodious music will fill the air. The brightness of the brilliant glory of the Great I AM will illuminate the entire city! The very throne of God will be in the midst of God's people. ALL sin, sickness, death, sorrow, tears and evil will be destroyed and removed from the midst of the people of God. Only the goodness, love, glory and greatness of our God will permeate the atmosphere of the New Jerusalem. Jesus, Himself, will rule and reign in LOVE, POWER and AUTHORITY!

After John saw the New Jerusalem, Jesus said to John, "I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." Jesus IS the GREAT I AM! JESUS IS ALPHA and OMEGA, the BEGINNING and the END, the FIRST and the LAST! HE IS the ETERNALLY SELF-EXISTING ONE! There is NONE OTHER! IT IS HE! HE IS!!! JESUS IS the GREAT I AM THAT I AM! When we accept His gift of LIFE and LOVE for all eternity, then we will become His sons and daughters; AND we will rule and reign with HIM throughout ALL eternity! When we are truly thirsty for the TRUTH...WE WILL FIND HIM! HE IS the TRUTH! HE IS the FOUNTAIN of LIVING WATER! If you are thirsty, come and drink from eternal life in Christ Jesus!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I accept Jesus as my Savior and as the Son of the Living God! I desire to live in the New Heaven and the New Earth with God in the eternal city. I want to rule and reign with You throughout all eternity. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Revelation 21:1-7 (KJV)

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

"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." Revelation 22:16 (KJV)

The book of Revelation is the last book of the Bible. This book reveals the end of the earthly age as we know it. This book also reveals the beginning of the New Heaven and the New Earth where God will dwell among His people, where they will be His people and He will be their God. At the very end of chapter twenty-two, which is the end of the Word of God, Jesus said, "I AM the ROOT and the OFFSPRING of DAVID." From the lineage of King David, Jesus was born. In this verse, Jesus is revealing that HE IS BEFORE and AFTER DAVID! Jesus IS the Eternally Self-Existent One! HE IS the GREAT I AM, the one that David worshiped! He was ALIVE BEFORE DAVID was born, the One who created David; thus the ROOT of David! AND, He was a direct descendant from the lineage of David, thus the OFFSPRING of David. HE IS the Great I AM! Family lineage is extremely important to the Jewish people. When Jesus stated that He is the Root and the Offspring of David, he was clearly establishing His true identity to the Jewish people as the Great I AM, the Eternally Self-existent One!

Also in Revelation chapter twenty-two verse sixteen, Jesus is the BRIGHT and MORNING STAR! The word for BRIGHT in Greek is "lampros" which means: radiant, brilliant, magnificent. The Greek word for MORNING STAR in this scripture is "aster" which means "the star of the Messiah". The star of the Messiah was the one that shown brightly over Bethlehem where Jesus was born. It was the SIGN of the birth of the Messiah. It is the star that the wise men followed to find baby Jesus. In this verse Jesus was revealing to the Jews and the Gentiles that HE IS the PROMISED ONE, the MESSIAH, and the SAVIOR of the world! HE IS the BRILLIANT, RADIANT, MAGNIFICENT ONE! HE IS the ONE TRUE GOD! HE IS the GREAT I AM! HE IS LIFE ETERNAL! HE IS the SAVIOR of the WORLD! HE IS the LAMB of GOD who takes away the SIN of the world! HE IS the KING of all kings and the LORD of all lords! HE IS the SON of the LIVING GOD! THERE IS NONE OTHER! HE IS the ONE! BELIEVE ON HIM!!!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I accept Jesus as my Savior. I believe that HE IS the Great I AM! I believe that He died for me, so that I might LIVE for HIM! THANK YOU, JESUS!!!! I LOVE YOU, LORD!!! Come and live BIG in ME!!! Use ME to reveal the TRUTH of WHO YOU ARE to this lost and dying world! Lord, I want to live with You throughout all eternity. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Revelation 22:16-21 (KJV)

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.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.



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