



## I AM – THE LORD

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### **Acts 17:22-25 / Isaiah 40:25-31 ...vs. 31: “Renew = Change”**

Before people were called Christians, they were called believers! I think it's a wonderful distinction to be called a believer. It puts us in contrast distinction with rationalist emotionalists and those of reason. It doesn't mean that we are not emotional or irrational. **It simply means that the foundational motivating factor in my life is faith.** Because I'm a person of faith means that I am comfortable with living where there is no proof.

### **Who is God?**

*God is the only unrestricted being in the entire universe. God is the creator of everything. He is without beginning or ending. He is omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient and invisible.*

**NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].**

**Hebrews 11:1 (Amplified)**

### **2 Corinthians 5:7**

### **Three Levels of Searching out God's Existence.**

#### **Level or argument #1:**

Since God has chosen not to leave any proof to His existence; people over the years searched God out to prove His existence. Some were good and some not. But it left us on the level of thought, physics, natural laws and theology – reasoning. And this was the thing – reasoning. It was also the problem with Adam and Eve.

***For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold. And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.***

**2 Timothy 4:3, 4 (Amplified)**

#### **Level #2:**

Then we have the concept of *CREATION*. We have thought of man and the laws that we are able to conceive of, the philosophies and all the arguments that reside with the mind. Then we have *natural revelation* which we will call *creation*.

#### **Level #3:**

We have been given great latitude throughout scripture and in our own lives to use symbolism and metaphor to ascribe to God human characteristics so that we can better understand Him.

If you think that the primary revelation of God is that God is creator – you limit God! I do believe that God is The Creator! But if you think that the primary revelation of God is that God is Creator then you limit God to creation based on what you feel He has created!

So now we have a picture of God but we still limit God based on creation as if you know everything that there is to know about God based on looking at something that He made and created!

God says my primary revelation to the people at the beginning is not that God is Creator only but the first revelation of God is that He is the Lord!

## HE IS THE LORD!

*...in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens  
And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.  
And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.  
And the LORD God said, it is not good that the man should be alone.*

Genesis 2:4, 15-16, 18

*Now the LORD had said unto Abram...*

Genesis 12:1

His primary revelation to the people is that He is the Lord! What He is saying is that I am sovereign, un-restricted. There is nothing outside of My jurisdiction. There's nothing that imposes itself on Me. I don't need anything. I did not create you to have your praise to know that I am Lord. I did not create you to receive from you, but to give to you because I'm so full, I don't need anything. I don't need you to prove that I exist. I want you to KNOW that I exist! That's why we call it FAITH!

### Exodus 3:

*<sup>4</sup>And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush and said, Moses, Moses! And he said, here am I (?)*

*<sup>6</sup>Also He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.*

*<sup>11</sup>And Moses said to God, Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?*

*<sup>13</sup>And Moses said to God, Behold, when I come to the Israelites and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, What is His name? What shall I say to them?*

*<sup>14</sup>And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM and WHAT I AM, and I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE; and He said, You shall say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you!*

*<sup>15</sup>God said also to Moses, This shall you say to the Israelites: The Lord, the God of your fathers, of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has sent me to you! This is My name forever, and by this name I am to be remembered to all generations.*

Exodus 3:4, 6-15

### Exodus 6:

*<sup>2</sup>And God said to Moses, I am the Lord.*

*<sup>3</sup>I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty [El-Shaddai], but by My name the Lord [Yahweh-the redemptive name of God] I did not make Myself known to them [in acts and great miracles].*

*<sup>6</sup>Accordingly, say to the Israelites, I am the Lord.*

*<sup>7</sup>And I will take you to Me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and you shall know that it is I, the Lord your God, Who brings you.*

*<sup>8</sup>And I will bring you into the land...and I will give it to you for a heritage. I am the Lord!*

*<sup>29</sup>The Lord said to Moses, I am the Lord; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you.*

Exodus 6:2-3, 6-8, 29

### Exodus 7

*<sup>1</sup>THE LORD said to Moses, Behold, I make you as God to Pharaoh [to declare My will and purpose to him]; and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.*

Exodus 7:1

*When you speak to Pharaoh what I have put in your mouth, you will be as God unto Pharaoh!*

When God is God over every god and King over every king – He is sovereign. That means that when God declares He is Lord, and He is sovereign, it means there is no restriction able to be put on Him. If He is sovereign, it means He is above natural laws. He made natural laws and he can break them without asking anybody.

He has to be above the law of thought and rationale. We know that certain things as true in thought and accurate in thinking because  $1 + 1 = 2$ . God said He can break that.

We have a law system which is able to take a condemn prisoner, sentence him to death and pardon him – set him free. So God who laid down the law that everyone that sins should die, decided to prove to mankind that **He is the Lord**. Therefore on the cross God decided to transcend His own law that because of sin man must die, to set the prisoner free **because He is the Lord**.

***Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]***

**Ephesians 3:20 (Amplified)**

We limit God not based on wrong information. Sometimes we limit God on a lesser information. Yes He is the Creator of heaven and earth, but that is not the only revelation. God is a provider, deliverer and healer but that is not the only revelation. He chose the foundational revelation with **I AM THE LORD!**

**Isaiah 40:18-31 (AMPLIFIED)**

Now I'm changing my strength because my strength is solely based on the fact that **He is the Lord!** Because He can do what he wants to do, and when I need power, **The Lord** can give me power, he can give me might! **If I can just wait on the Lord!**

***But what does it say? The Word (God's message in Christ) is near you, on your lips and in your heart; that is, the Word (the message, the basis and object) of faith which we preach. Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that JESUS IS LORD and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.***

**Romans 10:8, 9**