



I AM THE NAME OF THE LORD

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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!

Exodus 3:14 (Amplified)

Anytime there is a discussion about faith and God; it usually starts with the concept of the:

- **Existence of God** and then it moves to the
- **Nature of God**

There are usually three roads people walk down to **prove the existence of God**:

1. **God as Creator** and it comes from the study of creation
2. The second road we take is the road of **Laws and thought**
3. Now we begin to look at **Ourselves** to tell us something about God

If I say that I can know God because of **natural laws** then that makes God subject to natural laws. If I say that God can be known because of **creation**, it still limits God based on His creation!

The first revelation of God is that **He is the Lord!**

My faith does not stand on the arguments of man or on the forces of nature or the understanding of natural laws. **My faith stands because God has made Himself known unto me.**

Faith lives in our hearts, not because we have figured it out but because God has chosen to reveal Himself to us!

I Am Holy – Other and Separate

We begin to project our image over onto God instead of realising that He created us into His image! God resists being categorised and classified as anything that we can think of.

Since God has willed to be acknowledged as Holy; He says that the people who are a royal priesthood, who are holy, are the people who have acknowledged His Holiness!

There is a difference between a WANT and a WILL! God wants to be recognised as Holy. He doesn't need it – He wills it.

The only way for you to be Holy is first of all for God to lay claim on you like He did a time, a place, a thing, a tithe and separates you from the common as His own possession! When He possess you – you become Holy!

The life of faith is not the same as religion. It is the revelation that God is so **Other**, so **Lord** – high and lifted up that had He not chosen and willed to be known, we could not know Him.

My praise now is the fact that I know that He has willed for me to know Him.

I Am – The Name of the Lord

And God said to Moses, I am the Lord.

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].

Exodus 6:2, 3 (Amplified)

A name is more than just a label; it is a description that reveals everything there is to know about a person's character. There are several names of God that describe Who He is, and each reveals a separate and distinct aspect of His personality to His people.

1. Jehovah Tsidkenu - *The Lord our Righteousness*
2. Jehovah M'Kaddesh - *The God who sanctifies, or sets us apart for Himself*

3. Jehovah Shammah - *The Lord who is present*
4. Jehovah Shalom - *The Lord our peace, or wholeness – nothing missing and nothing broken*
5. Jehovah Jireh - *The Lord our Provider*
6. Jehovah Rapha - *The Lord our Healer*
7. Jehovah Nissi - *Our Banner of love and protection*
8. Jehovah Sabaoth - *The Lord of Host, our Protector*
9. Jehovah Raah - *The Lord our Shepherd*

BUT!

The Name of the Lord is not one of those. In other words: You can know Me by these names – but NOT UNTIL you are going to know Me by ***I Am The Lord***, will you really know Me. When you understand that I Am that I Am, then you will know Me!

***And God said, I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim My name, THE LORD, before you...
Exodus 33:19 (Amplified)***

The difference between religion and faith.

Religion wants to go to a book or to certain fields of study and by that wants to believe they know God. The people that studied the most scriptures had the least revelation.

God says: *I Am not here for you to figure Me out. I Am here for you to relate to Me out of faith!*

The Bible is not God! It is possible for us to know the Word and to not know the God of the Word.

And there are also many other things which Jesus did. If they should be all recorded one by one [in detail], I suppose that even the world itself could not contain (have room for) the books that would be written.

John 21:25 (Amplified)

Religion goes to a place to try and confine God in a list of rules, regulations, laws, thoughts, processes and doctrines that they have developed out of incomplete information. Then try to put God into that box, missing the whole concept where God said I will not be put into a box.

Relationship says: I come to the place where I understand that I will not always understand. That I know that I Am cannot totally be known. His ways and His thoughts are higher than ours. My faith is the proof that He is and that I should seek Him and that He wills things...

GOD WILLS Relationship and not Religion!

This relationship demands the understanding that I get to keep walking with Him and the more I walk with Him, the more I will get to know Him. Because there is not any time or any moment that I can come to the place and say I know God, that I totally grasp the mind, understanding, holiness and will of God!

I believe God is saying: What you don't know about Me, is that I have chosen to bring you into My circle. If you will walk with Me, you will get to know some of My thoughts. But don't stop on the outside observing Me and then think you know everything that I Am thinking. Walk with Me a little further and you will hear another level of My thoughts.

In MY FATHER'S HOUSE there are many DWELLING PLACES (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you.

And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that WHERE I AM you may be also.

And [to the place] where I am going, you know THE WAY.

John 14:2-4 (Amplified)