

- **Last week. Who am I?** He thinks his success is based on who he is. God's answer is "I am with you. I am sending you."
- Last time he tried to deliver Israel he killed an Egyptian and when he tried to intervene in a fight between two Jews the next day, his authority was questioned. (2:14) "Who made you ruler and judge over us?"
- **We won't listen unless we know WHO sent you? Did anybody send you?**
- Moses asked God, "WHO AM I?" God turns the focus back on Himself as God. "I will go with you" "I am sending you".
- **Now that Moses knows his success will be based on God, the question turns to "Who Are You?" referring to God.**

God has spent 40 years humbling Moses so Moses would depend on Who God is rather than who Moses is.

¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" Notice kinda, "Asking for a friend"

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

- **Gonna unpack this. Significant meaning. God just told you His name.**
- "I Am Who I Am" 'ehyeh 'asher 'ehyeh "Ehyeh" is the 1st person of "to be"
- **Its YHWH – Not a new name.** used over 160 times in Genesis. Over 6800 in the OT. Not a new God. **No Vowels in Hebrew –"YHWH".**
- In the days of the Bible it would have been pronounced, Yah-weh or Yah-veh.
- **In English, Jews didn't want to say God's actual name out of reverence, so instead of Yahweh they simply said, "the Lord" or "Adonai"**
- In Bible translated "the LORD". Put the vowels over YHWH and get Jehovah.
- So, the name Jehovah or Yahweh is taken from the consonants of the divine name while the vowels come from the Hebrew word for master "LORD" which is *Adon*.
- The four letters that spell the divine name (YHWH or JHVH) are called the "Tetragrammaton."
- This name says a lot about God.
- What makes God special is that He is the only God who exists. Not like other gods we could name "I aren't" "I never was" or "I'm an illusion".

I AM WHO I AM means God exists.

- **This is why idolatry is so heinous.** The true God is and always is. You're trading the God who is for a substitute who isn't, doesn't, can't and ain't.
- **I Am - Not just now but always, forever.** And He never changes. He is. Who He is now is who He was a trillion years ago and who He will be a billion from now.

- **Feel free to be an atheist but your atheism has no affect on God's existence. God exists**

I AM WHO I AM means God is Eternal.

- Not only does God exist as He did eternally, but He will exist eternally.

I AM WHO I AM means God is independent.

- **If He's always existed, He has no creator.** He exists apart from anything and anyone. He doesn't need anybody's help.
- **That means, there is nothing that can prevent God's will from being accomplished.**
- If nothing can prevent His will from being accomplished then if God's will is that the Israelites will be freed by Moses nothing can stop it.

I AM WHO I AM means God is unchanging. So, if God made a promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob its sure to happen.

- **The same God who made the promise is fulfilling it so there's no need for any changes to the original plan. It's the same God.**
- When we call an audible, it's because we see something we weren't expecting and change the plan. God doesn't call audibles, because the one who made the promise and fulfill it hasn't changed since making it.
- If your life is chaos, you need God in it. God is stable. He is who He is.
- **So put yourself in this encounter. You're nervous about going to deliver the Israelites. You ask God who am I. God doesn't answer that question but instead says, I will go with you, I am sending you.**
- **So you ask, "Ok, but if I go, they're gonna want to know what your name is to verify You're *their* God and that you sent me. Cuz' without that, they won't have confidence this is legit and they won't listen and they won't let me lead them out." So, who should I say is sending me?**
- **How can Moses and the Israelites be assured that God is really going to be able to deliver them? Because of His name! I AM Who I AM**
The one delivering you is the God who exists; who eternally exists and existed when I made the promise to deliver you to Abraham; I'm the God who no one can stop because I am independent. Not even on a creator, since I was never created but have always been. I am the God who doesn't change so there's zero doubt this will come to pass because the only variable that matters is Me and I haven't changed a bit.

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

I AM WHO I AM means God can be the God the Jews are already in covenant with. He can't be that God if it's a new god.

‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ reiterates God’s continual existence because He exists over all generations.

- The Israelites can know they are His people. But, this can’t be true if God is I WAS. Not, He is I AM.
 - God is like, “You can trust me based on our longstanding relationship.”
- Let’s Finish up with Jesus.**
- Who spoke out of the bush to Moses? “The Angel of the Lord” Jesus.
 - So, Jesus told Moses His name from generation to generation is “I AM”
 - One of the most ridiculous arguments you’ll get about Jesus is that He never claimed to be God. Muslims, Mormons and Jehovah’s Witnesses.
 - If Jesus never claimed to be God, why did they crucify Him for blaspheming? Because He claimed to be God. He claimed to be I AM YAHWEH, JEHOVAH
 - The Greek translation of the Old Testament (Septuagint) translates the words “I AM” in Exodus as Ἐγώ εἰμι (Ego Aymee).

When Jesus shows up on earth, he takes this divine title upon Himself to clearly identify Himself as the voice from the burning bush. And everyone knew it!!!

- Watch Jesus claim to be the I AM God of Exodus over and over in John’s Gospel.

John 8:24 ²⁴ *I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins.”*

John 8:28 ²⁸ *So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up^a the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.*

John 13:19 ¹⁹ *“I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am.*

John 8:50-58 ⁵⁰ *I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.” ⁵² At this they exclaimed, “Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?” ⁵⁴ Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. ⁵⁵ Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”*

⁵⁷ *“You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”*

⁵⁸ *“Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” ⁵⁹ At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.*

- Here’s my favorite of all. Jesus is getting arrested.

John 18:3-6 ³ *So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.*

⁴ *Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?”*

⁵ *“Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied.*

“I am he,” Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) ⁶ When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

- The God of the covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who spoke to Moses from a burning bush is the same God who allowed himself to be arrested and crucified to deliver you from Your sin.
- The Jesus who spoke from the tree of calvary and said, “it is finished”, who died and was buried but was not consumed and rose three days later. That’s the same God who spoke from the burning tree or bush in the wilderness that was not consumed. The are both I AM Who I AM – Yahweh – Jehovah.
- The God who delivered then. Is the God who delivers now. He calls to you today and asks if He might deliver you from your sin like He delivered the Israelites from the bondage of slavery.
- Believe Jesus is the I AM. Believe He died for you and raised from the dead. Put your faith in Him and make Lord of your life.