

I AM WHO I AM

A Journey into the Character of God

Exodus 3:13-14 *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?" 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.'"*

Part 1 - INTRODUCTION

Although God is incomprehensible He is a knowable God.

1. God is incomprehensible.

- A. God is Infinite, without beginning, without end. He is beyond understanding! As finite, human beings, it is impossible to understand Him with our limited comprehension. How can the created fully understand the Creator?
- Isaiah 55:8-9 *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."*
 - See also Paul's statement in Romans 11:33.
- B. Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...*
- Psalm 33:9 *For he spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.*
 - There are more stars in the universe than there are grains of sand on all the beaches.
 - Approximately 85% of all matter is dark matter, a form of matter astronomers have not yet directly observed.
 - We are made of the same elements/materials that form stars. We are literally made of stardust!

2. God is a knowable God.

- A. Although God is unknowable, He has made it possible for finite man to know the Creator God! God has revealed Himself to us through the Person of Jesus Christ.
- John 14:9 *"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."*
 - Colossians 1:15 *The Son is the image of the invisible God...*
 - Hebrews 1:3 *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.*

- B. Our salvation is based upon our knowing Him (experientially).
 - John 17:3 *Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*
- C. However deep our understanding of God and His Character (Personality), it will always be limited until we stand before Him in Heaven! (1 Corinthians 13:12)
 - 1 Corinthians 13:12 *For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then (in Heaven) I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.*

3. God's great desire for you to know Him!

- A. Knowing God does not happen as a result of a program, a Bible study, or a method. It is the result of a vibrant, growing, "face to Face" relationship with God. John 3:16-17 is proof that God pursues us and deeply desires that we have a loving, growing relationship with Him!
 - John 3:16-17 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*
- B. Jeremiah 9:23-24 *This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, **for in these I delight,**" declares the Lord.*

4. In this series we will cover...

- A. Three Names of God: Elohim, El Shaddai, Adonai.
- B. Three Compound Names of Jehovah God.
- C. God's Attributes.
- D. Who we are in Him.