**Lessons Learned on the Journey**

**The Living God**

**Exodus 3:13-22**

**Introduction**

Today, as we continue our series of studies entitled "From Egypt to the Promised Land" Moses learns about the Living God.

In this passage we see God begin to prepare Moses for what he will encounter when he faces the Egyptian Pharaoh. It’s helpful to be prepared for resistance and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Moses asks God, “What is your name? Whom shall I tell the Children of Israel has sent me?” God responds by saying that his name is “I \_\_\_\_\_\_.”

That name affirms God’s divine self-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which is the basis of who He is and what He does.

Immutability simply means God does not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A third theological truth is that God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

His supreme power is free from any external control.

This is important because it affirms God’s divine covenantal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

When God makes you a promise, it’s true, it’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and He is faithful to fulfill it!

When Moses speaks to Israel he calls God the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But when he speaks to Pharaoh he calls him the God of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **The Name of God**

The English translation of the Old Testament name of God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  Jehovah is a term that is derived ultimately from the term "I AM."

The Hebrews did not pronounce the covenant name of God.  It would be written something like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

They used vowels when speaking.  They just didn’t write with vowels.  They only wrote with consonants. The four consonants in the name of God were called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Eventually the Jews began to substitute another term, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” which means Lord for the name of God.

The Jews had this awesome covenant but wouldn’t even \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the name of their Covenant-keeping God!

We do know the root of the term "Yahweh” comes from the verb "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_" and we are almost certain that it means simply, "I AM.”

God doesn’t really have a name in the sense of something that defines him.  He is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God! He is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

1. **The Promise of God**

This passage is not only important theologically, but it is also important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

God begins to prepare Moses for the great work of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Moses chooses to say \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God! And now it’s time to begin the work.

Egypt is a type of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. And if you flirt with the world long enough you will eventually become a slave to its vises.

Israel had a great tradition but their traditions were no longer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_l to them.

God is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and therefore all of the characteristics of personality belong to the Lord God.

As a person God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. God is independent of time. He is who he is. He has nothing to learn, He has nothing to acquire, He has nothing to become.

God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He is too great to be described in words. He is beyond words!

"I AM who I AM” is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tense; He is a God of activity and action.

But He also a God of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Covenant!

1. **The Covenant of God**

The covenantal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made in Genesis 12 distinguish the people of God from all other individuals who have ever set foot upon God's world.

God is a God of Covenant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

He is the transcendent God who is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all things, but He also is an imminent God who is \_\_\_\_\_ all things.

God is in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but He is also over all.

God sends Moses back to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but this time to face the world God’s way.

In the divine foreknowledge of God, He says Pharaoh is going to say "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you can’t go." But God says, "I will stretch out my hand and smite Egypt with all my wonders and after that, he will let you go.”

This time, as you face Pharaoh, I will be with you and you shall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_l. And I will cause you to feared and favored in the eyes of the Egyptians.

**Conclusion**

The significance of the name, "I AM who I AM," is revealed in its fullest sense in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

It is the Lord Jesus Christ who comes down to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s covenantal name and promises from the isolation and obscurity it had been resigned to.

It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who reinstitutes God’s covenant of love and blessing and relationship.

Jesus is the great "I AM."  He said it himself!

* "I AM the Bread of Life."
* "I AM the Light of the World."
* "I AM the Good Shepherd."
* "I AM the way, the truth and the life."
* "I AM the true vine."
* "I AM the resurrection and the life."

God loves you and is a God of Covenant Relationship and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.