**“THE SEVEN I AM’S OF JESUS”**

**INTRODUCTION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS….**

**Exodus…3:1-15**

3 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.2And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.3And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.4And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.5And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.6Moreover he said, I am the God of thy 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 upon God.7And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;8And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.9Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.10Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.11And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?12And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.13And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, **What is his name? what shall I say unto them?14And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel,** **I Am** hath sent me unto you.15And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you***: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.***

# Philippians 4:8King James Version (KJV)

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things.**

**What God never revealed to Moses or others He finally reveals to His Special People those that make up His Church, His Royal Priesthood, His Holy Nation, His own Elect, His very own Pilgrims, His Ambassadors, His called out ones, His Sons and Daughters, His Own Sheep. His .!!!**

**TOPIC OR MESSAGE …**

**REFLECTIONS ON “THE SEVEN I AM’S OF JESUS”**

**1.**

***Jn 6:35"…. 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.***

1. **I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"...**

 1. This is the first of seven "I am" statements in John's gospel

 2. As the bread of life He gives us all of what we need to sustain our

 spiritual life.

 3. The true “manna” from heaven…given to the Israelites in

 the wilderness.

 4. Today we will have some of that bread at His table!!!

2.

***Jn 8:12… 12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.***

 **B. "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"... -**

 1. We live In a world that’s been plunged into moral darkness,

 2. Now He illuminates our lives through righteousness.

 3. We no longer live in Moral Darkness..

 4. So none need stumble through the darkness anymore.

3.

***Jn 10:7,9… 7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture***

 **C. "THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP"...**

 1. Here he make reference to the way to salvation which is only

 through Him.

 2. He is also declaring that He is the way to greener "pasture",

 3. i.e., abundant life - cf. **Jn 10:10**

 **4. Are people noticing a difference in you???**

**4.**

***Jn 10:11,14… 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.***

 **D. "THE GOOD SHEPHERD"...**

 1. He is willing to give His life for his sheep

 2. He is willing to know them intimately, that you may produce fruit!

 3. How intimate is your life with Jesus????

***Jn 11:25 25Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:***

 **E. "THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"... -**

 1. He is the one who makes resurrection from the dead possible

 2. He is the one makes eternal life possible

 3. This is the greatest promise of Hope to the believer!!!!

*Jn 14:6… 6Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

 **F. "THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"...**

 1. He is the true and living way to the Father

 3. Pilate asked“What is Truth”? but failed to see the truth before him!

 2. Indeed, none can come to the Father except through Him

 4. There is no other life…Except through Jesus!!!

***Jn 15:1,5 15 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.2Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.3Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.4Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.5I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.***

 **G. "THE TRUE VINE"...**

 1. He is The only source of true spiritual life!!!!

 2. But only for those connected to Him and who produce fruit!!!!!

 3. We must produce fruit!!!

**\*\*\*\*\*[Perhaps the most shocking statement made by Jesus was when He said\*\*\*\*unto the jews in the synagogue…**

**A statement that sent shock waves through their entire system and the whole world…..like ripples in the water…**

**"...before Abraham was, I AM." (Jn 8:58)**,

 >>>>>>thereby declaring His Deity!!!>>>>

Time is far spent…..

 Now let us consider...]

**II. WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT JESUS**

 **A. NAPOLEON BONAPARTE...**

 1. French general (1769-1821)

 2. "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded empires;

 but what foundation did we rest the creations of our genius?

 Upon force. Jesus Christ founded an empire upon love; and at

 this hour millions of men would die for Him."

 **B. H.G. WELLS...**

 1. Historian, well-known science fiction writer (1866-1946)

 2. "I am an historian, I am not a believer, but I must confess as

 a historian that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is

 irrevocably the very center of history. Jesus Christ is easily

 the most dominant figure in all history."

 **C. C.S. LEWIS...**

 1. Author of "The Chronicles Of Narnia", and former atheist

 (1898-1963)

 2. "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus

 said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a

 lunatic - on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg

 - or else he would be the Devil of Hell."

 3. "You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the

 Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut

 Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill him as a demon;

 or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God."

 4. "But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His

 being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us.

 He did not intend to."

**CONCLUSION**

1. Finally, consider this reflection by **James A. Francis**...

 **"One Solitary Life"**

 "He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant. He grew

 up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he

 was 30. Then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher.

 He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family

 or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never lived in a big

 city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born.

 He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no

 credentials but himself.

 He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against him.

 His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to

 his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed

 to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners

 gambled for his garments, the only property he had on earth. When he

 was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a

 friend.

 Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central

 figure of the human race. I am well within the mark when I say that

 all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed,

 all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned

 --put together--have not affected the life of man on this earth as

 much as that one, solitary life."

2. How could One Man have such an impact on the world, unless He truly

 is...

 a. The bread of life

 b. The light of the world

 c. The door of the sheep

 d. The good shepherd

 e. The resurrection and the life

 f. The way, the truth, and the life

 g. The true vine

 h. The great "I AM"!

May these simple reflections on Jesus encourage you to seek Him and

learn His will for you...!

 **"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will**

 **give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I**

 **am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your**

 **souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."**

 **- Mt 11:28-30**