

# I Am – The Almighty

In these days after Easter, many people are still wondering who Jesus was and why billions of Christians around the world worship him. *What made Jesus so great?* We answer that question in this next series of devotions, as Jesus makes his **Great I Am** statements. As we take a look at how the Son of God reveals himself in Scripture in various ways, we see the many and great characteristics of our Savior and Lord.

During the days of Job, after Satan had taken everything away from him, Job questioned God. Job in his great despair questioned God's plan for his life. This was God's response, *"Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man and I will question you and you shall answer me. Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb? Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place? Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons? Do you know the laws of the heavens?"* (Job 38 selected verses). God made it very clear that He was the Almighty God and Job was not.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the Apostle's Creed we confess, *"I believe in God the Father, the maker of heaven and earth."* In the meaning of the 1<sup>st</sup> article, we confess that everything that is created, everything that lives, everything that moves and has its being, only does so under the power and direction of our Almighty God. Our God is infinite in power, absolute in truth, unlimited in knowledge, and complete in his dominion over all the peoples and nations of the earth. He stands alone as the Almighty God.

When the Roman soldiers came to arrest Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, they came with their torches and weapons thinking they were about to arrest a mere peasant of a man. But what they found was the Almighty God. When the soldiers said they were looking for Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus stood before them and said, "I am he." At the power of those words, the soldiers were forcibly driven back making them fall to the ground. A reminder that Jesus is the Almighty God, *"For in Christ all the fullness of the deity dwells in human form"* (Colossians 2:9). A few hours later, Jesus would stand trial before the Jewish high court and being questioned if he was the Christ, the Son of God, Jesus replied, *"Yes it is as you say, and in the future you will see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven"* (Matthew 26:64).

What is most amazing, is this Almighty God cared about us. He came to be born into the world he created, so he could live a perfect life in our place. He would exchange his eternal throne for a wooden cross, exchange his crown of glory for a crown of thorns. He would exchange his holiness for our sins and willingly lay down his life in death. Not only is our God almighty in power, but he is almighty in love. Through his resurrection from the grave he would win our forgiveness and seal to us the certainty of our own eternal life. The Apostle Paul's prayer for the Ephesian Christians, is the same prayer for God's people today, that we might forever grasp *"how wide and long, how high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God"* (Ephesians 3:18,19).

One day we will stand in the glories of heaven, and there will see the Almighty God face to face. We will see our God, our Lord, our Savior. As long as we live upon this earth, we continue to live under power and mercy of our Almighty God. Our God, who daily provides, daily protects, daily forgives, who daily loves his people - without end.

Read...**John Chapter 18** as today's Scripture Lesson.

Blessings to you and your families,  
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