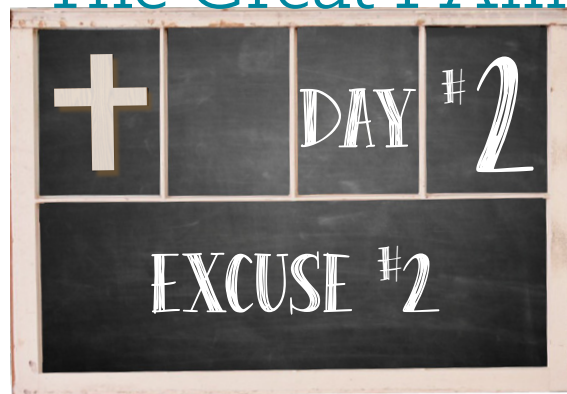


The Great I Am



Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them” (Exodus 3:13)?

For each of us personally, the phrasing of this question may sound more like, “I don’t know Scripture well enough to speak on His behalf. It’s hard for me to remember the right verses at the right time, and I don’t want to seem preachy.”

Herein lay God’s response to the announcement Moses is to make to the Israelites.

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM sent me to you” (Exodus 3:14).

For God, His response should have ended with an exclamation point for nothing more needed to be said. The “Great I AM”, Yahweh, should have been the only proof Moses needed. It was the name in which the children of Israel believed – in all circumstances, for all times. Moses should have relied on that fact. In addition, God also said to Moses, “This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations” (Exodus 3:15b).

Can we rely on the Great I AM? Can His name be trusted by us today? The Yahweh that was relevant for Moses and for the children of Israel is

still relevant for us today. Even if we perceive the miracles granted to the children of Israel as unrealistic in our eyes, we can still rely on Him as we march through our wilderness journeys today. With laundry needing to be done, meals to prepare, sick family members to care for, and school schedules that keep us in the car on a regular basis, we wonder how the two stories can be related. Yet God’s grace is not defined as large or small, significant or minute. His grace is defined by goodness, and His goodness knows no measure. Miracles occur every day and we have only to open our eyes to them.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Embrace God’s goodness as truth. Believe the Living Christ, who is Yahweh, is still relevant for you – in the here and now! **List some ways in which you would personally desire to trust Him more.**

Prayer: I AM, give me the courage to acknowledge that Your Name is powerful, and at the sound of Your Name all will someday fall on their knees before You. Give me such a faith as this to believe this is true for me today. In Jesus’ name I ask this. Amen.