

Jesus—I AM

“And I am convinced that those who reject Christ's deity must therefore also reject the plain meaning of the Word of God.” Charles Spurgeon

Introduction:

John 8:57-59, “Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad. So the Jews said to him, ‘You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.’ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.”

1. Abraham desired and looked:
2. By faith:
3. Jesus tells them exactly who He is:
4. This kind of declaration was considered blasphemy:

The Seven I Am Declarations of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

There are seven times in Genesis where God makes the I AM declaration. It is in looking at these that we can appreciate the significance of Jesus' words to the Pharisees. We see God establishing the means by which what Abraham longs for will be accomplished.

Genesis 15:1, “After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.’”

1. God reveals to Abraham that He has:

Genesis 17:1, “When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless.’”

1. God reveals to Abraham that He:

Genesis 26:23-24, “From there he went up to Beersheba. And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, ‘I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham’s sake.’”

1. God reveals to Isaac that His:

Genesis 28:13, “And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, ‘I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac...and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’”

1. God reveals to Jacob:

Genesis 31:13, “I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and made a vow to Me. Now arise, go out from this land and return to the land of your kindred.”

1. God reveals to Jacob that HE is:

Genesis 35:11, “And God said to him, ‘I am God Almighty, be fruitful and multiply.’”

1. Jacob now knows for himself:

Genesis 46:1-3, “So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, ‘Jacob, Jacob.’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then He said, ‘I am God, the God of your father.’”

1. It is here at the “well of oath” that God:

Conclusion: