

"His Name is I AM"

Dan Jenkins

One of the attributes of God is that He is the "I AM." Go back to eternity when there was no universe, and the I AM is there. Go forward to that eternity where the universe is no more, and the I AM is there. David described God's presence in these two eternities in this way: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God" (Psa. 90:2).

The reason His name is I AM is that He is eternally the same. He has never changed. God in the Old Testament is not what God was like and the God of the New Testament what God became. Emmanuel is no different from the Old Testament Jeho- vah. His name shows that it is impossible for Him to change. James calls God the Father of lights and then adds, "With whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (Jas. 1:17).

The fact that He cannot change demands that no single attribute of His nature can change. This is why a knowledge of the Bible is so important. Since the beginning, He has dealt with sinful men. He is "...long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). The atoning blood of the cross reaches forward to cleanse us, but it flows backward to pay the price of redemption for those who sinned under the Old Testament (Heb. 9:15). He so loved the world that He gave His Son so that whoever believes in Him will be saved (John 3:16). He has put no difference between Jews and Gentiles. The righteousness of God comes "...through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

His eternal nature shows that in both the Old Testament and the New Testament He punished all men who turn against Him. "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Gal. 6:7). The writer of Hebrews looks back to the message of the Old Testament which was spoken through angels and described the uniformity of God's message to mankind. "Every transgression and disobedience received a just reward" (Heb. 2:2). The God who brought judgment against Sodom and Gomorrah and the God who destroyed the world by the flood will judge all men and destroy our world by fire. His justice demands it.

On the other hand, never forget that the I AM who was the God of Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and David is our God. His mercy and presence in their lives is the same in our lives. Read those stories of the providence of God and know that the eyes of I AM were over them, and the eyes of I AM are over us. He is eternally the same!



Welcome

TO
KOUNTZE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Jan.

"But we do see him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, Jesus, because of His suffering death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone."

Hebrews 2:9

30th

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Class – 9:30

AM Worship – 10:30

PM Worship – 1:30

Wednesday Night Bible Class – 7:00

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Today's Lessons

AM.....He is Better than the Angels Pt.2
PM.....Beware the Leaven

Men to Serve

Announcements.....Bud Wolcott
Song Leader.....Sterling McDonald
Opening Prayer.....
Communion Leader.....Steve Deatrick
Sermon.....Corey Tackett
Closing Prayer.....

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Continue to keep Landon & the Smith family in your prayers as Landon is still in the hospital.
- Our Goodwill Gathering will be Feb. 19th.
- Madison Jackson is a 2 yo who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Our Focused Fellowship begins today!
- There is a L2L art party after services. Lunch will be provided.

Records

Sunday AM.....	Wednesday PM.....N/A
Sunday PM.....	Contribution.....N/A

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

Visitors,

You are welcome and wanted. We are glad you made the decision to be with us.

If you have any questions or needs, please reach out to any of our members and we'll be more than happy to help you.

If you're looking for a Church home, we'd love the opportunity to study with you and have you join our congregation's family.

Prayer Requests and Updates

Members:

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| - Ed & Linda Bumstead | - |
| - Gaylon & Gladys Williams | - |
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Family and Friends:

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| - Tony Wright | - Shawn Gunter |
| - Madison Jackson | - Susan Golden |
| - Danny Roberts | - Kyle Tantillo |
| - Steve Martinka | - Landon Smith |
| - Jerry Barry | - Tammy Wright |