

The Great I Am

I Am The Alpha & The Omega

(Rv 1:8)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
 - a. Greetings...
2. Series of lessons on "The Great I Am."
 - a. We know Jesus is the Great I Am.
 - i. **Jn 8:58** "...Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."¹
 - b. We looked at the seven "I Am's" of Jesus in the book of John.
 - i. the Bread of Life, the Good Shepherd the Vine...
 - c. Today and next week we are going to go outside of the Gospel According to John to the book of Revelation.
 - i. **Rv 1:8** "'I am the Alpha and the Omega,'" says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
3. This verse points out three specific things about Jesus the Christ.
 - a. His divinity
 - b. His consistency
 - c. His majesty
4. With that in mind let us look at these three most excellent truths concerning our great and awesome Messiah.

I. His Divinity

- A. Omniscience A to Z (Knowledge)
 1. **Is 46:8-10** "Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, 9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose'"
- B. Omnipresence A to Z (Everywhere)
 1. **Ps 139:7-12** "Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,' 12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you."
- C. Omnipotent A to Z (power)
 1. **Rv 19:6** "And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, 'Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!'" (NKJV)
- D. Thus...
 1. **Jn 1:1-2** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God."

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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II. His Consistency

- A. God the Son has always been consistent
1. Many have tried to say there is a difference between the God of the O.T. and the God of the N.T.
 2. A couple of arguments made to defend such a statement and verses disproving such a notion.
 - i. God's grace is not found in the O.T. only the N.T.
 - a. **Gn 6:8** "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." (NKJV)
 - b. **Ex 33:12** "Then Moses said to the LORD, 'See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.'" (NKJV)
 - ii. God is a God of vengeance in the O.T. but the God of love in the N.T.
 - a. **He 10:29-31** "How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."
 - b. **Ac 5:5, 10** "When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it... 10 Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband."
 3. Do to purpose, God's law has changed.
 - i. God established a law for man before his fall and add what was necessary to it after his fall.
 - a. **He 11:4** "By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks."
 1. **Ro 10:17**
 - ii. God then established a law for the Israelites to bring about the proper lineage of Christ.
 - a. **Gn 12:7** "And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him." (KJV)

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iii. God then instituted the last law for all mankind to be under which would, if followed, allow one access to God for eternity.

- a. **Ga 3:23-27** "Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

C. Thus...

1. **He 13:8** "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
2. **Ma 3:6a** "For I the LORD do not change..."

III. His Majesty

A. Christ's splendor is seen throughout the Bible

1. **Ek 1:26-28** "And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. 27 And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. 28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking."
2. **Rv 19:11-16** "Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. 13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords."

B. Christ's is worthy of all praise, glory, and honor due to His majesty

1. **Rv 5:9, 12-13** "And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation... 12 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing... 13 To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!'"

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C. Thus...

1. **Ps 18:3a** "I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised..."

CONCLUSION

1. Jesus Christ our great Messiah is truly the "Alpha and Omega" the one "who is and who was and who is to come" the "Almighty."
 - a. Let us never forget how wonderfully amazing Jesus is!!!
2. Question: Are you humbled to obedience knowing who this Jesus really is?
 - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
 - b. If not why not?
3. Invitation
 - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
 - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**