

Exodus 3

¹³Then 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?’ ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

The God of the Bible is not merely the biggest, strongest spiritual being of all. He is not merely a being among other beings. He is the Creator of all that exists. There are only two categories of existing things: God in one category by himself and, in the other category, all that is not God, including angels, demons, human beings, and the entire spiritual and material realms of creation...Everything in that second category has its existence as a gift from the One who created all that exists and is himself uncreated.

...All other beings have existence in addition to their essence. But God’s being [essence] *is* his existence...For God to name himself “I Am” is tantamount to him saying, “I am my own existence. Nothing gave me my existence and I did not bring myself into existence. I could never fail to exist or cease to exist, because I am.”

- Dr. Craig A Carter, *Interpreting Scripture with the Great Tradition*, 49.

Romans 1

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

1 Peter 3

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

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New City is spending time this summer exploring the Psalms – the songbook given by God to his people for worship, community, and a hopeful realism. This was modeled well in the life of Jesus. Though separated by language, culture, and generations, the Psalms are still the inspired and reliable guide to our own hearts and a constant help in honestly navigating the chaos of our world with God-honoring, Christ-centered, hope-filled resiliency.

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¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

² sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise!

³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

⁴ All the earth worships you

and sings praises to you;

they sing praises to your name.” (Selah)

God who has a name

⁵ Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land;

they passed through the river on foot.

There did we rejoice in him,

⁷ who rules by his might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

let not the rebellious exalt themselves. (Selah)

God who acts in history

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹ who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;

you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us into the net;**

you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

¹² **you let men ride over our heads;**

we went through fire and through water;

yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance. *God who preserves a people
(in spite of themselves)*

¹³ I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

I will perform my vows to you,

¹⁴ that which my lips uttered

and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,**

with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

I will make an offering of bulls and goats. (Selah)

*God who preserves me
(in spite of myself)*

¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

¹⁷ I cried to him with my mouth,

and high praise was on my tongue.

¹⁸ **If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,**

the Lord would not have listened.

¹⁹ **But truly God has listened;**

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰ Blessed be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer

or removed his steadfast love from me!

*God who has done
great things for me!*