

I AM NOW

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Exodus 3:11-15 *And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.*

Moses had been called by God to come up alone with God. Moses had went and acted of his own will and might and not the will and power of God. Now God has come unto Moses in God's time. And Moses says unto God, "Who Am I?" God tells Moses, "I will show you a token that I had sent you, after you have done what I tell you to do. When you have brought forth the people out of Egypt you shall serve Me on this mountain and it shall be a token that I sent you." Sometimes if you are waiting on a sign from God to be obedient you may be waiting a long time. Sometimes God is waiting your obedience to show you a sign.

So Moses says to God, "When I say to them the God your Fathers hath sent me..." Moses operated in the past tense. While God operated in the NOW and FUTURE. Moses says, "I know what they are going to ask me. They are going to ask me, 'What is His name?'" And Moses says, "What shall I say unto them?" And God says, "I AM that I AM." God says, "I'll tell you what I will make it very clear right NOW, I AM the God of your fathers Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the I AM that I AM, this is My name forever and for generations. I AM not just just the God of the past and future but I AM the God of NOW."

The denominational and traditional church world has looked backwards. We reminisce of the great men and women of God of the past. And the charismatics come and said we have the answer we'll look forward. And said, "Some day signs and wonders will follow the believers, someday the church will be what she is called to be, someday we will walk in the fullness of His glory, someday we will be a righteous people, someday God will do this and someday Christ will do that." All the while God is saying, "I AM the God of NOW!" God is not someday, God is NOW. The healing not going to come back when Jesus returns, the miracles are not going to come back, the restoration is not going to come back it is here. Jesus brought it and gave it to you. You say where is it? I'll tell you, in all our wisdom and revelation we started looking to someday when God says here I stand NOW. The power of the church is here NOW. It is called dunamus power, the Holy Ghost. We looked at the traditionalist and watched them terry at the alter and said we have a better way, a greater revelation. We are going to wait on the hibbie jibbies. We're going to hoop and holler until we work something up. In our effort to seek something better we left some important foundational principles and looked beyond the intent of Father's heart.

John 11:1-25 *Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, **but for the***

glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him. These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already. Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

God did not cause the sickness or death to come upon Lazarus but God was going to be glorified through Christ. Jesus did not fear what would come for Lazarus but was confident of who He was in the Father then now and to come. Then the disciples remind Him of the past, “Jesus, don't you remember they tried to stone us there?” But Jesus tells them, “Quit dwelling in the past. Quit dwelling in YOUR failures and begin to dwell in the God of NOW.” Just as the children of Israel finding themselves free of Pharaohs slavery sought to go back into bondage. So, you will never know the fullness of your liberty in Christ if you continue to dwell in your past and do not embrace the God of NOW. Change your thinking NOW, change your motives NOW, change your heart NOW, change your priorities, your affections, and efforts NOW. Let go of Egypt and what you thought you knew about God and His Kingdom and embrace the revelation of who God is NOW. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever but you are not. Let God of your yesterday and embrace His today and forever. Because we hang onto the failures and stumbles of our yesterdays the enemy using them to cause to stumble today and tomorrow. Give them to the Father and let life be in you today.

Jesus tried to explain and prepare their thinking by telling them that Lazarus but slept. They could not understand. They were so consumed with their own fatigue that all they could focus on was themselves. Then they come to Mary and Martha. Look at Martha. She just sat hopeless in the dark dwelling on the past. Then comes Martha and makes a statement of past tense. “IF ONLY back then...” And Jesus said, “Yes Martha if only I had gotten here sooner. I did my best but I guess my best wasn't good enough. Can I help you with the funeral arrangements? I will have my ministry send some flowers.” NO! He said your brother will rise again. And Martha said, “I know he will someday at the resurrection.”

How many of us say, “Someday I will preach the gospel, someday I will step out in the gifts and have a hope that they really will work. Someday I will begin to step out and be the man or woman of God that I desire to be when everything is in order, I work out all the details and kinks, when I see a sign and can be confident that God will do His part through me. Someday.”

NOW! The the power of the Holy Ghost is in you and wanting to flow through you. Now the righteousness of Christ is in you. Now you are like Jesus. Not someday, not yesterday, but NOW! There is no reason to wait for the anointing. The anointing is here NOW and is always here. The Holy Ghost came and never left. The issue is the conditioning of our hearts and our thinking. While we are waiting on God to do something someday we are getting further in the past while God is NOW moving into the future of doing what He is doing.

You have to embrace that through Christ you are not a has been or will be you are Christlike now. You choose to like Christ NOW. You must embrace the idea of I AM. Say to your flesh, I AM like Christ, say to your soul I AM like Christ, say to your mind I AM, say to your situation I AM anointing of God NOW, I AM called of God NOW. I AM God's man or woman of the hour, this hour, NOW!

Martha said, "I know you can and someday..." But Jesus said, NO! I AM the resurrection life not to come but NOW! The church is so caught up in looking for resurrection life to come that they are dead today. Christ wants you to LIVE the LIFE of POWER NOW!

We always ask, "Do you believe Christ died and rose from the dead a supernatural transformation?" Why absolutely. "Do you believe Christ is your Savior and lives and dwells in you?" Sure do. "Do you believe this Word is the divine Word of God in life and power?" You bet. "DO you believe you can lay hands on the sick and they will recover?" Well, sometimes. "Do you believe the dead can be raised in the power of His name?" Well, Wigglesworth did. Someday the saints will. We always want to go back to what someone else did.

God is not looking for a somebody who was, wants to be, or going to be but God is looking for a I AM NOW! There is no greater time than NOW for the New Testament church to be restored in you. There is no greater time than now for you top get the junk out of your life and walk in righteousness, power and the glory of God. There is no greater time than now for the church of God to arise in you. There is no greater time than now to step fast, pray, eat the Word and step out in faith. There are people being persecuted now. There are people going to hell now. There are people hurting now. There are children hurting now. There are marriages falling apart now. Quit looking inward. When we focus on ourselves we can only dwell in the past. But when we place our focus on others through the love of Christ we can see Him NOW! It is when your focus is love for others your faith in Christ is increased. When you are willing to fast for someone else, pray for someone else, and put down your own flesh and struggles for the sake of someone else, instead of just yourself, faith can arise in you. Choose NOW.

The Messiah came and the people said, someday our deliver is coming. To this day the Jews say someday the Messiah will come. The Christians continue to say someday the church will be alive. Someday I will be like Him. Someday?

Heb:11:1: *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

The church has become one big soap opera. The Days of the Past and the Days to Come. Quit coping out and be the church NOW. No more excuses Christians. While you wait the hour draweth nigh. Wait and you will be found lacking as virgins without oil. Embrace the anointing now. Embrace your identity in Christ now. Fulfill your destiny NOW!