

## **Weekly Devotions: GOD IS SOVEREIGN 9**

### **“I Am”, the Faithful and Ever-Present Redeemer**

YHWH (pronounced Yahweh), God’s personal name, is repeated more than 4000 times in the OT. The name is best known from the “I Am” interaction with Moses in Exodus 3. When God called Moses to return to Egypt to ask Pharaoh to release the Jews, Moses asked Him; “Whom should I say have sent me?” God’s response was; “I AM WHO I AM”. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I Am’ has sent me to you.” (Exodus 3:14, NIV)

By choosing to reveal Himself as YHWH, God wanted Moses and Israel to remember 3 important aspects about His relationship with them.

### **Read Exodus 3**

First, Yahweh is faithful and keeps His covenant with His people; what He had promised through their forefathers, He would fulfill. Second, Yahweh would redeem His people from their bondage in Egypt to become a nation in the Promised Land. YHWH which also means “The One who is always present,” emphasizes God’s commitment to be with His people. Through that name, God was assuring Moses and, subsequently, Israel, that He would be with them forever.

The revelation of that Name and the manifestations of its power through the ten plagues distinguish God from all heathen gods and power. The giving of that Name marked several changes for the Jews; they moved from worshipping Pharaoh and the Egyptian gods to worshipping Yahweh as their God.

The name signifies what God intends to do in the lives of those who belonged to Him. Yahweh is the Redeemer who will deliver His people from bondage to sin & all kinds of oppression to freedom in Christ. The question we need to ask ourselves is; “Is Yahweh the God I worship and is there any foreign god in my life?”

### *Questions to ponder*

1. Why did God call Moses to go back to Egypt and what was Moses supposed to do (vv. 7-10)? What assurance did God give Moses when he was unsure whether he could accomplish what God wants (v. 12)?
2. What did God plan to do for His people (v. 8) and what did He promise them through Moses (vv. 16-22)?
3. In your own faith what has Yahweh redeemed you from? Which aspects about God’s relationship with His people in Exodus 3 mean the most to you?