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HERE AM I

GENESIS 22:9-14; EXODUS 3:4; PSALMS 139:7-16

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Genesis 22:9-14

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

Genesis 22:9-14

14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

- Before God revealed himself to Moses as I Am, he was known to Abraham as the God of covenant.
- When we look for evidence of why God selected Abram for covenant, we must understand that God was preserving his name and reputation in the earth.
- God wanted to keep himself in the consciousness of the creation. So, the burden of the covenant was upon him.
- If we search for reasons that make Abram a prime candidate, it is very difficult to do seeing that there is nothing obvious about Abram, a candidate for a covenant with God.

- By any stretch of the imagination, there is nothing we can observe about Abram even after we get to know him.
- God calls him out of his familiar surroundings and begins to take him on a journey that will bring him into the land of promise.
- Abraham's decision to bring Lot brought about great conflict, distraction, and sacrifice.
- Abraham's response to famine was to tell his wife to lie to the king and tell him he was her brother which brought him to peril.
- Despite the promise made to Abraham that he would have a son, Abraham took it upon himself to assist God by going in to Hagar and having a son by her named Ishmael.
- Each one of these failures on Abraham's part would have disqualified him from receiving the promise if we assess it by man's standards.
- And yet, while God does not ignore Abraham's actions, he does not back away from his promise.

- God's original intent to remain active in the earth through his partnership with man remains intact.
- So is the case with Moses. He highlights his humanity, his inadequacies, his weaknesses, but God is committed to a greater purpose, receiving glory in the earth.
- Yet there is one thing consistent about both men and that is the fact that they remained available to God.
- So many times, people want to know God, but they don't want experiences with God that makes that possible.
- It really is impossible to know Yahweh, the I AM, without first being in the posture of 'Here I Am.'
- Notice when God shows up in the burning bush, it is not what God said, it was Moses response that makes this moment so important.

Exodus 3:4

4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, here am I.

- Just as important as the call of God is the response to God. When God calls he is looking for a certain response, 'Here Am I.'
- When Abraham got to the top of the mountain, son tied to the altar, knife drawn back ready to offer him as a sacrifice, and the angel called from heaven, Abraham's answer was 'Here am I.'
- Many times, the revelation of who God is and who we are is hidden from us because we fail to say 'Here am I.'
- Many times, we call on God asking him where he is instead of saying 'Here Am I.'

Psalms 139:7-16 (Message Bible)

7 Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit?

to be out of your sight?

8 If I climb to the sky, you're there!

If I go underground, you're there!

9 If I flew on morning's wings

to the far western horizon,

10 You'd find me in a minute —

you're already there waiting!

11 Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark!

At night I'm immersed in the light!"

12 It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you;

night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.

Psalms 139:7-16 (Message Bible)

13 Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out;
you formed me in my mother's womb.

14 I thank you, High God — you're breathtaking!
Body and soul, I am marvelously made!
I worship in adoration — what a creation!

15 You know me inside and out,
you know every bone in my body;
You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,
how I was sculpted from nothing into something.

16 Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth;
all the stages of my life were spread out before you,
The days of my life all prepared
before I'd even lived one day.

- When God called Abraham's name, he was right where he was supposed to be, doing what he was supposed to be doing.
- When he called Abraham's name, he was acting in obedience.
- When he called Abraham's name, he was acting in faith.
- When God called Abraham's name, he was sacrificing.
- When God called Abraham's name, he was worshiping.
- It was not until Abraham responded 'Here Am I' that he saw the ram in the bush.
- There are some things we are not going to see until we get in position.
- God showed Abraham the ram but he got a revelation of who I AM is, Jehovah Jireh.