

A man with a beard and dark hair, wearing a white robe with a hood, stands centrally. His hands are clasped in front of his chest. The background is a dark, textured surface filled with various names and titles for God in different languages, including English, Hebrew, and Chinese. The names are written in various fonts and colors, creating a rich, layered effect. The overall tone is spiritual and reverent.

The God Who Is

Exodus 3:1-15, Revelation 1:8

Holy Ground Encounter

- God specializes in meeting us in our wilderness moments.
- The bush itself was not special; what made it extraordinary was the presence of God within it.
- God transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary by His presence.

God Breaks the Silence

- After four hundred years of silence, God spoke to Moses.
- Before God revealed His eternal name, He first connects Himself to human history.
- When God seems silent in our life, it does not mean He is absent.
- God told Moses to remove his sandals as they separated him from truly experiencing God's presence.

I Am Who I Am

- To know someone's name was to have a relationship with them.
- *I Am Who I Am* is not really a name in the conventional sense; it is a declaration of being itself.
- The name YHWH carries God's eternal character and His covenant faithfulness across all time.
- God exists outside of time; He is the eternal foundation upon which all reality rests.

The God Of Our Story

- After revealing His eternal name, God immediately connected His eternal nature to human history.
- God insisted on being known as the God who enters into covenant relationship with broken, imperfect people.
- The God who revealed Himself as I AM to Moses is the same God who reveals Himself to us through Jesus Christ.
- The God who delivered Israel from Egypt wants to deliver us from whatever bondage holds us.

Burning Bush Moments

- The question is not whether God is still speaking; it is whether we are listening.
- The God who IS constantly reveals Himself to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.
- Moses teaches us we have to turn aside to see.
- Moses could have rationalized the burning bush away and kept walking, but he turned aside.

Conclusion

- God's answer to Moses is I AM, present tense, active, engaged, here, now, with us.
- Jesus applies the name “I Am” to Himself.
- The same God who transformed Moses wants to transform us.
- The ancient name revealed to Moses is as fresh and powerful today as it was then.

