

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

August 28, 2022

I ... AM He (John 4:1-42)

So, I changed my mind and decided to continue our I AM series for at least another couple of lessons. Though not considered part of the seven statements, there are other places in the Gospel of John where Jesus uses the phrase "I AM," and each of these is also significant in the message that it conveys. This morning we will be going back to John 4 and looking at a small part of Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman.

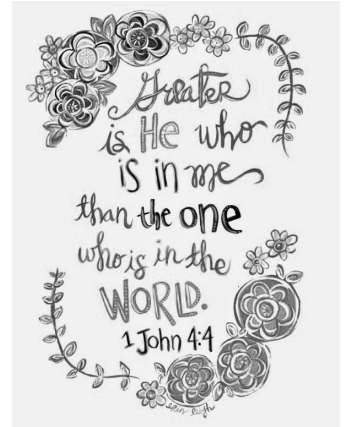
An E _____ (19-20)

Possibly uncomfortable with the previous topic concerning her many marriages, she raised the old controversy between Jews and Samaritans, whether worship should be offered on Mount Gerizim (visible from Jacob's well), or at Jerusalem, where Solomon's temple had been built.

The Samaritans founded their claim on the fact that when Moses instructed the people concerning the entrance into the Promised Land, he commanded that they set up an altar on Mount Ebal and that the tribes should be divided, half on Ebal and half on Gerizim. Those on Gerizim pronounced the blessings of God and those on Ebal, the curses of God on sin (Deut 27:1-28:68). The Jews held that since Solomon had been commissioned to build the temple in Jerusalem, the center of worship would be located there. This controversy was endless, and Jesus did not allow himself to be drawn into this worthless discussion.

An E _____ (21-23)

Jesus avoided the controversy by moving the discussion instead to the nature of worship. He is telling her that her people have missed the true nature of worship and their relationship with God. The Samaritans had accepted a mixture of foreign deities along with the God of the Jews. True worship begins with a relationship and is then offered open and honestly to God (spirit and truth). The location doesn't matter. The building doesn't matter. Even though the Jews clearly had their own



"I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever"

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What's the disturbance?
Is He coming this way?
Can He help me, do you think?
Jesus, will you have mercy on me?
What do you mean what do I want?
Isn't it obvious what I want?
Blindly obvious?
Why are you all looking at me?
Hey, is that what staring is?
Do you do other expressions?
Who cares?
Jesus, can I follow you?

problems in their relationship with God, they were the people through whom God would save the world (**Gen 12:1-3; 2Sam 7:12-13; Psa 89:3-4; Isa 9:6-7; Isa 11:1-10; Jer 23:5-6**).

An E_____ (24)

“God is spirit...” - This is one of the four descriptions of God found in the New Testament.

- “God is light” (1 John 1:5)
- “God is love” (1 John 4:8, 16)
- “God is a consuming fire” (Heb 12:29)

Jesus is trying to explain that God cannot be confined to one place or perceived as a material being (an idol). There is only one who could fully embody God on this earth...

The E_____ (25-26, 42)

There was a Samaritan tradition that the prophet predicted by Moses in **Deut 18:15** would come to teach God’s people all things. On this hope Jesus founded his appeal to her spiritual consciousness. Jesus rarely confirms being the Messiah, probably due to expectations of political deliverance among Jews. The synoptic Gospels show that He normally did not make such a public claim (**Mt 16:20; Mk 8:29-30; Lk 9:20-21**). By telling her that He was indeed the Messiah, He is telling her that He is God come in the flesh (**Isa 7:14**).

By the end of this conversation and meeting with others from her town, the people concluded that “...**this is indeed the Savior of the World.**” Her testimony had planted the seed, but ultimately everyone must come to know Jesus on their own. They must have a personal relationship with the Savior and take their own steps of faith in Him.

PRAYER LIST

- **Bill Gillock** had a stroke Wednesday. He was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease in January.
- We rejoice with **Kristine Garrett** as her cancer scans continue to be good, and her liver is now clear
- **Faye Waller** has moved to Oak Point Assisted Living
- **Maria Hunter Harrington**, a friend of the Billingsleys, has breast cancer
- **Forshia Pennington, Carolyn Pennington** and **Judy Grissom**, relatives of the Reeds, have breast cancer. **Vicki Reed** has been diagnosed with Myeloma as well
- **Donna Rawls Head** has cancer
- Continue to pray for: those in **Ukraine**; the **Brown** family, **Delores Coleman**, the **Krantz** family, **John Hayes, Nick Phifer, Gaynell Walker, Rosemary Douglas, Isabel Johnson**, and **Jim Sims**

SERVING TODAY (August 28, 2022)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: J. Buchanan
Prayer: J. Walker

WORSHIP

Read: M. Reed
Wait On Table: R. Mayo
Serve: J. Gupton, C. Baker
Prayer: L. Gregory