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I Am Who I Am. Exodus 3:14

"I am the Lord; that is my name!" Isaiah 42:8

"I am El-Shaddai—'God Almighty.' Genesis 17

Jesus answered, "I am. Mark 14:62

What is the experience of a person who is on a journey with I AM?

A. <u>Clarity of Path:</u> John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness but will have the light that gives life." John I: <sup>3</sup> Through Him (Jesus) all things were made; ... <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

- brethren, the light of God shines on the path of righteousness, which is the path that leads to everlasting life.

Proverbs 4:18 The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining brighter and brighter...

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**B** <u>Deliverance</u>: "I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. (Exodus 20:2) Jonah 2:2 - said: "In my distress I called to the LORD and He answered me. From the belly of Sheol (fish) I called for help, and You heard my voice.

The Prophet said: "I called on your name, LORD, from the depths of the pit." (Lamentations 3:55)

Reflection: It does not matter where we are, once we make up out mind to embark on a journey with IAM, He picks us up from where we are.

I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness." (Exodus 34:6)

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- C. <u>Total Healing:</u> "I am the Lord who heals you." Exo 15:26 We get both **physical and spiritual healing** when we are on a journey with I AM:
- **2 Kings 5,** Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was ... highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. ... <sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

#### **Numbers 11:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> Moses complained to God, I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup> ...—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin."

I6Then\_the LORD said to Moses, "Bring Me seventy of the elders of Israel known to you as leaders and officers of the

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people. Bring them to the Tent of Meeting and have them stand there with you. I 7And I will come down ..., and I will take some of the Spirit who is on you and put that Spirit upon them. They will help you bear the burden of the people, so that you do not have to bear it by yourself.

D. <u>Courage & Defence</u>: Don't be afraid, for <u>I am</u> with you. Don't be discouraged, for <u>I am</u> your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

In Psalm 54, David said "61 will sacrifice a voluntary offering to you; I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good. <sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from my troubles and helped me to triumph over my enemies."

E. <u>Success & Rest:</u> "If you obey my decrees and my regulations, you will find life through them. I am the Lord." Lev. 18:5

In Joshua 1: 8-9, the Lord said to Joshua, 8This book of the Law must not depart from your mouth; you are to recite it day

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and night, so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in all you do. 9Have I not commanded you to be **strong and courageous?** Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 21:44, Thus the LORD gave them rest on every side, just as he had solemnly promised their ancestors. None of their enemies could stand against them, for the LORD helped them conquer all their enemies.

F. <u>Victory Across Nations</u>: "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." Psalm 46:10

Bible says: Jeremiah 51: 20" with you I shatter nations,".

Revelations 21:26 says "We will make heaven bringing the glory and wealth of the nations into it."

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G. There Is Time To Lay a Stone: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken. (Isaiah 28:16)

As we work with I AM, we must be careful to know when to lay a stone, alter, sacrifice etc. for glory unto God.

Joshua 4:3 God said to Joshua, 'Take up for yourselves twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan where the priests were standing, carry them with you, and set them down in the place where you spend the night.'"

<sup>6</sup> "Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' <sup>7</sup>then you shall say to them, 'Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off ' So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever.

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**Genesis 28:18:** So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on its top.

Genesis 28:22 Jacob said, "This stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

Genesis 35:14

Psalm 54:6, David said

"I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you; I will praise your name, LORD, for it is good."

#### Our stone, alter or sacrifice moves God's hands

Zechariah 3:9: 'For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; ..., I will engrave an inscription on it,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

God blesses us further because of our stone.

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Just like we are being told today about the need for stones, sacrifice, alter etc., Moses has told Joshua about the stones far before it happened and Joshua was conscious of it:

Deuteronomy 27: <sup>1</sup> Then Moses and the elders of Israel charged the people, saying, "Keep all the commandments which I command you today. <sup>2</sup> "So it shall be on the day when you cross the Jordan to the land which the LORD your God gives you, that you shall set up for yourself large stones and coat them with lime <sup>3</sup> and write on them all the words of this law, when you cross over, so that you may enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

Joshua was then open to hear when God gives him instruction to do so and he did.

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Brethren, we must be open to such instruction.

God Bless you!

Please be part of Part 2 of this message on Dec 2, 2018.

#### 2018 PRAYER POINTS

- I. Pray over the message of today. Ask for grace to work with IAM
- 2. Pray that KCM will continue to fulfil its mandate as "the house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7), extending God's love to all the nations.
- 3. Prayer for the Leadership of Nations and pray for upcoming elections ...
- a. Pray against corruption and corruptive minds/practices in our nations
- b. Ask God to please reveal Himself as IAM to our leaders.
  - c. Ask God to give leaders humility for service and committed heart for citizens.
- 4. Commit Troubles/Wars in nations into God's hands and ask God to cleanse our nations so people will freely serve God.
- 5. Ask God to have mercy, forgive our sins & rid our land of calamities (2 Chro 7:13-18).
- 6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries for commitment to work with IAM.
- 7. Pray: Marriages, Children and families stay together and serve God in full.
- 8. Pray for Members of the fellowship grace to work with IAM.
- 9 Needs in fellowship & and any special request we have not covered 10. Ask for God's unprecedented favours and grace this week and pray for next Sunday.