

# Diligently Seeking God (Hebrews 11:6)

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## Scripture of the Week



### Exodus 3:13-15

*"Then Moses said to God, 'Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM'; and He said, 'Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"*

The Moses we read about in Exodus chapter three was a lowly shepherd who had been tending the flocks of his father-in-law in the land of Midian for forty years. At one point he had lived a life of privilege and power in the household of the king of Egypt, but that must have seemed like a lifetime ago to him. At the age of forty he was forced to flee for his life after killing an Egyptian, and it was Pharaoh himself who sought to kill him. In Exodus chapter three, Moses was an eighty-year-old, insignificant, unconfident shepherd who was set in his ways and serving out his time in a life of mediocrity. In spite of all these things, or maybe because of them, God still had plans for Moses. God spoke to the humbled Moses from the

midst of a burning bush and told him to go and lead His people to freedom from the clutches of Egyptian slavery. When Moses asked God what he should tell the Israelites His name was, God said "I AM WHO I AM". This name implies that God is self-existent and that He is the all-powerful source of all that exists. It indicates that He is self-sufficient—that He doesn't need to go outside of himself to explain himself. It means He always has existed, He always will exist and that He never changes. If the Great I Am is your God, you need never worry about how old you are, what your position is in life, or any other thing. As was the case with Moses, God will empower you to rise above your circumstances and accomplish His will in your life.

## Who's in Charge Here?

When God delivered Israel from Egyptian slavery, He brought them into a land that flowed with milk and honey. That means He gave them an extraordinarily productive land that abounded with all the blessings necessary for a prosperous and comfortable life. In spite of God's goodness, Israel frequently found themselves in predicaments of their own making. After Joshua died and Israel was established in the Land of Promise, God raised up Judges from time to time, to free them from the various distresses they got themselves into. Early in the book of Judges we learn why Israel continually found themselves overthrown by their enemies and in need

of rescue. Judges 3:7 says, "*The sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and forgot the Lord their God and served the Baals and the Asheroth.*" Unfortunately it only got worse for Israel. The last five chapters of the book of Judges detail one horror story after another, and the last verse of the book sums up the cause for their deplorable condition: "*In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes*" (Judges 21:25). When people ignore God's will for them and do what is right in their own sight, terrible things always happen. There really always had been a King in Israel, just not the kind the people wanted. They

thought an earthly king would solve all their problems, but the solution had always been to crown the King of kings as sovereign in their hearts. Is God in charge of your life, or have you made yourself king in His place? Proverbs 14:12 states, "*There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*" If you try to do things your way and ignore God's will for you, your life will come to an inglorious end. God wants you to acknowledge Him as King, serve Him as King, worship Him as King and obey Him as King. If you do what is right in His sight by obeying the Bible as closely as you can, He will give you all the blessings of heaven.