

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

Our Lord I AM

Exodus 3:5, 13-14

♩ = 64

Fm⁹ Fm Fm⁹ $\frac{D\flat M7}{F}$ D^badd⁹ D^b $\frac{A\flat}{E\flat}$ $\frac{D\flat 6}{F}$ $\frac{F\text{sus}}{G}$ Fm D^b E^b

1. Hear the worlds all whis-per-ing His name. Moun-tains flee be -
2. Who can stop the tor-rent of His love? Who can test its

fore Him. All who know Him trem-ble at His voice.
meas-ure? Who can feel the fi-re of His heart?

D^b $\frac{D\flat}{F}$ D^b C⁷_{sus} C⁷ $\frac{C7}{E}$ Fm $\frac{A\flat}{E\flat}$

All who fear a-dore Him. Pure, com-plete, and
Who con-ceive its treas-ure? Veiled in glo-ry,

D^bM7 $\frac{A\flat}{C}$ B^bm7 Fm $\frac{Fm}{E\flat}$ D^bM7 D^b6 D^b E^b7

ev-er-more the same, None can speak all His splen-dor in a name.
near and yet so far, Life and love are the light of who You are.

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FEAR THE LORD
Irregular

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$\text{D}\flat$ $\text{E}\flat 7$ $\text{A}\flat$ Fm $\text{E}\flat$ $\text{D}\flat$ $\text{D}\flat 7$ $\text{E}\flat$

I AM. I AM. Bow down. He is I
 I AM. I AM. You are life, the our
 (D.S.) I AM. I AM. Our life, our

F sus Fm D.C. 2 $\text{E}\flat$ D.S. 3 $\text{E}\flat 9$ $\text{A}\flat \text{ sus}$ $\text{A}\flat \text{ sus}$ $\text{A}\flat$ ENDING, short version

AM. Lord Lord I AM.

3 ENDING, extended version
 $\text{E}\flat 9$ $\text{E}\flat$ $\text{A}\flat \text{ sus}$ $\text{A}\flat \text{ sus}$ $\text{A}\flat$ Gm $\text{B}\flat$ F

Lord, I AM. Pure, complete, and

$\text{E}\flat 7$ $\text{B}\flat$ $\text{Cm} 7$ Gm Gm $\text{E}\flat 7$ $\text{E}\flat 6$ $\text{E}\flat$ $\text{F} 7$ $\text{E}\flat$ F

ev - er - more the same, None can speak all Your splen - dor in a name. I

$\text{B}\flat$ Gm Gm $\text{E}\flat$ $\text{E}\flat 7$ 1 F $\text{E}\flat$ $\text{F} 7$ 2 $\text{F add} 9$ F $\text{B}\flat \text{ sus}$ $\text{B}\flat \text{ sus}$ $\text{B}\flat$

AM. I AM. You are the Lord I
 AM. I AM. Our life, our Lord I AM.

TOPICS: Creator; God's Love; Praise & Worship

LEAD-IN: *Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.
The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.
The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
The Lord is enthroned as King forever.
(Psalm 29:1-4, 7, 9, 10b, NIV)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

The Transcendent God

Death is naked before God...

*He spreads out the northern skies
over empty space;
he suspends the earth over nothing.
He wraps up the waters in his clouds,
yet the clouds do not burst under their weight.
The pillars of the heavens quake,
aghast at his rebuke.
By his power he churned up the sea...
By his breath the skies became fair...*

*And these are but the outer fringes of his works;
how faint the whisper we hear of him!
Who then can understand
the thunder of his power?
(Job 26:6-8, 11-14, NIV)*

Many insist on a god as small as they are, a human deity comfortably within their puny understanding. They want a god without power, holiness, or transcendence, without fire, anger, zeal, or sovereignty; a god as ignorant, bland, spineless, and apathetic as they. People prefer a god who is no god at all.

But for the true and living Creator, even our grandest images—the thunder of His power, the oceans of His love—are childish understatements. His love boils over into universes, races, and epochs, bounded only by His own wisdom. His self-giving cannot be stopped any more than a sandcastle can hold back the ocean.

I find comfort in the immanence of God, in His personal nearness and constant presence with me. He is closer and more intimate than any of us can imagine. Knowing Him and realizing His presence have transformed my entire life.

But in the rushing stream of our daily struggles and in the crises that invariably come, I desperately need to see the transcendent God. I need to be reminded of the God who is God indeed, the One who is bigger than my shriveled perspective; the God who overflows all names and all descriptions; the God whose self-given name, "I AM," suggests that He is being itself, beyond all time and all categories.

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