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Kings Norton Baptist Church

Sunday 26th January 2025

10 am

God's call to go

Opening Scripture

Hymn MP 708 To God be the Glory

Scripture Isaiah 61 (page 748)

Prayer

Children's talk Go wash and see John 8

Chorus MP 545 Open our eyes Lord

Notices Masfield update. Members meeting next Sunday. Thursday time to pray, 5pm Evening Service. New Cameo and Tudor House sheets. Tuesday Teaching

Prayer

Lord's prayer - offertory box home - pray reference to giving in the service

Reading Exodus 3:7-17 (page 60)

Acts 7:30-38 (page 1099)

Hymn Only a holy God

Sermon *Is the Lord using you?*

Hymn MP 663 the price is paid

Closing prayer

Prayer

■ Hostages have recently been released in the Middle East. You have seen their joyful faces, now their ordeal is over, now their suffering has ended. They are free - and they are home.

If that was you, wouldn't you be equally happy, indeed euphoric? Of course. That is like the experience of becoming a Christian, sins forgiven, a burden removed, a new Joy and the presence of a loving Father. It's wonderful.

This gracious act of God is something we see throughout the Bible. [It is like buying a stick of rock on holiday, wherever you break it you get the same message 'Blackpool' or 'Isle of wight'](#)

God's great plan to release those in captivity is laid out here in Ex 3

Salvation is always the same. First the problem - and then the answer. The snare of sin, - the cry for help, - the concern of God, - the sending forth of a rescuer.

We start in Egypt. We always start in Egypt. The book of Genesis ends in Egypt, the last words are **a coffin in Egypt** Gen 50:26.

In Exodus chapter 1 the Israelites have become slaves in Egypt. It is the land of slavery, the land of darkness. We read in 1:13 the Egyptians **worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with hard labour in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their hard labour the Egyptians used them ruthlessly.** Ex 1:13-14

Do you get the point? They were treated **ruthlessly** ... so what did they do?

They **groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help - because of their slavery - went up to God.** Ex 2:23. God is not deaf to the cries of his afflicted people. Every secret sorrow of His people is known to him.

⇒ **God saves the poorly oppressed – and judges the mighty oppressors.**

Did God hear? Does God hear? God heard their groaning, yes he does hear and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them. Ex 2:24,25

The Lord God was concerned, and he is still concerned. In his compassion he sent a rescuer. We saw last time in Ex 3:1-7 how the Lord prepared Moses to be that rescuer. The awesome and Holy God reveals himself in that

burning bush and Moses is a changed man. Moses is being prepared for his life's work ahead. He is about to be greatly used by the Lord. **Title: Is the Lord using you? Will you be greatly used of the Lord?**

The burning bush was not consumed, = the flame was self-maintaining. This holy fire is not only a revelation of God Himself, an emblem of His purity, but also a mirroring of what God was to become in the life of Moses whose main concern was always for the glory of God in His covenant people.

As we pick up our passage at v7 the Lord reiterates his concern. **The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.** ^{9b} **I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them**

⇒ **The Devil is a cruel taskmaster, if you are under his heavy hand - the Lord sees, the Lord hears and the Lord is concerned. He will do something about it.**

8 So I have come down to rescue them

It had been a long time; 400 years. But now the rescuer comes.

So in the time of Christ. For 400 years there had been silence, no word from God, does the Lord not care?

He does - then that burst of angelic activity, that dark sky is illuminated, the Saviour has arrived. Joseph was told of Mary **"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."** Mt 1:21. This Saviour planned from before time began was here. God the Son, the eternal Word came down from heaven to deliver us.

8 So I have come down to rescue them God said.

⇒ **God promises, God delivers, he is resolute, he will do it - and speedily.**

And so too with the Saviour Moses whom God sent.

The Lord is the rescuer – and even though he used Moses – the Lord did the rescue. Moses is the agent; Moses is the chosen instrument. The Lord uses his people. Are you a man or woman that God is using? Is he using you? In his great plan of rescue and in the saving of souls - is he using you?

Slavery

In the Bible Egypt represents sin and captivity, darkness and death. Those Israelites were not able to free themselves, they were trapped. They would be slaves to their death. We are not in physical slavery, but we are all in another type of slavery, the slavery of sin. What do I mean? The moment I sin I become guilty and that cuts me off from the Lord's favour. There is nothing I can do to remove my guilt, it is there, **it is a stain** I cannot remove. But it is not something I come into, because of Adam I am born that way. Those Israelites were born into slavery. And so are we, all of us, everyone, and there is nothing you or I can do about it.

The horrendous crime of **Axel Rudakubana** came from where? His own sinful heart. The country reels and tries to understand it. How could he do it? Why so much hate? Why so little remorse. The world cannot understand. But anyone who listens to Jesus knows, it came from his evil heart x2. And **there but the Grace of God go I**. Remove the God given constraint of parental discipline, remove self-control, wear away the conscience by normalizing evil through exposure online, something the devil loves. Remove the fear of punishment, remove social admonishment where one person regulates the behaviour of another, and you see what surfaces from the human heart.

Once you have had that selfish thought, you will have another, you are in its grasp, one proud thought leads to another, **the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin** Ga 3:22

Sin entraps, it doesn't want to let you go. You have gone its way and **like that persistent seller it does everything to make sure you are back again**

Sin pushes us across the line, we trespass from the Lord's favour into His disfavour. We come under God's curse and His judgment hangs over us.

The devil is our accuser, and when he points out my sins he is for once telling the truth. I cannot go back on them, I cannot undo them, I cannot release myself. I cannot do anything to change anything. I am stuck. I need help. And without that help certain judgment and the punishment of Hell awaits. A Holy Just God can do no other. The Lord knows this, and in his concern, in his mercy towards those he chose he **comes down to rescue them**

⇒ **Thank you Lord we sing for sending your Son. What a Saviour.**

The Father sent **his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.** 1Th 1:10

Oh Thank you Lord. Respond in faith, respond in obedience, and you can say **thanks be to God that, though I used to be slaves to sin,** Ro 6:17 I am now free. **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through the risen Lord Jesus Christ.** 1Co 15:57

The Lord through Moses not only rescued those in Egypt 8b. **from the hand of the Egyptians** but promised to **bring them up out of that land - into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—** A picture of heaven.

As the Lord promised, it is to happen. He says to Moses 10 **“So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”**

Moses has been prepared - and commissioned, **“now, go”** x2

Moses thinks what me? I am weak, I have no power, I have no authority

But remember Moses who is doing the rescue – not you - but your God. He has the power, He has the authority.

What name shall I give as proof that I am sent?

■ Tell someone off for dropping litter, or for riding a bike or a quad on the pavement and the question comes “who are you? Are you a Policeman? Who are you? Who are you to say I shouldn’t?”

Moses, faced with that throng of people who challenge his authority wants to fall back onto the one behind him. Who shall I say sent me?

3:14 **God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”**

■ I have had the same when preaching in the city centre “who are you to say these things? When we speak to people in the name of God we are to be quick to say in whose name we speak.

“I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” He gives a name that denotes what he is *in himself*. That God as self-existent has his being of himself, he has no dependence upon any other.

The greatest and best man in the world must say, By the grace of God I am what I am; but God says absolutely **I am that I am.** Being self-existent, he cannot but be self-sufficient, - and therefore all-sufficient, - and the inexhaustible fountain of being and bliss.

He is eternal, he is unchangeable, he is always the same, **“I the LORD do not change”** Mal 3:6 He is faithful, He is true to all his promises, He is unchangeable in his word as well as in his nature, **and not a man that he should lie.** He says to Moses let Israel know this, **I AM** has sent you.

And then it seems he gives another name denoting what he is to his people. **God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob the patriarchs, those he repeatedly made promises to —has sent me to you.’”** Three times in this passage these are mentioned, v6, here in v15 and v16, and again 4:5, and throughout the Bible we see this many times.

This is my name for ever, he says that is The LORD, - the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.” Ex 3:15.

For the LORD capital letters, is YHWH or Yahweh and this is how his worshippers know him. He is to be distinguished him from all false gods around; for example **At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command.** 1Ki 18:36

⇒ **For all the true worshippers Yahweh is the God of our fathers, one who will be true to his promises towards them - and therefore us.**

So which one should we use? It’s interesting to see that these two names sound like each other, see the footnote. I AM is Hayah pronounced haw-yaw. LORD capital letter is Yahweh pronounces yeh-ho-vaw and comes from the root of Hayah the one self-existent or eternal.

Listen carefully - The **‘I AM’** in Ex 3:14 is in the Greek OT ego emi εγω εμι. Ego means ‘I’ and we are never far from an Ego. Emi is the 1st person singular of the verb ‘to be’ it is ‘I am’. So ego emi is literally ‘I, I am’

It is taken upon Jesus’s lips, not every time he said ‘I am something’, but at certain times declaring himself to be this same ego emi.

To the woman at the well John 4 - **Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.”** Literally **he who speaks to you ‘I am’** v26 What does the woman then do? **leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?”** Joh 4:28,29

Then in John 8 **"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, 'I am'!"** The people know exactly what he means for what do they then do? **At this, they picked up stones to stone him,** Joh 8:58-59

When the armed soldiers and officials and crowd come to arrest Jesus in John 18 what happened? **When Jesus said, " 'I am' he," they drew back and fell to the ground.** Joh 18:6

They all knew who Jesus was claiming to be. Do you know? Have you discovered? Have you seen - that Jesus who comes from the father - is the father - the everlasting father of Is 9. That is life changing.

Jesus the Holy One died on the cross paying what was necessary to free the slave from bondage. *The price is paid, Hallelujah.* Jesus the One promised can truly set the captives free.

We can understand the rescue Jesus brought by looking at the rescue from the Egyptians. The Lord overcame the power of the enemy, they could not hold them, and when they tried to claw them back they all perished in the red sea. But those rescued crossed over to safety. Jesus said **"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.** x2 Joh 5:24

Have you crossed over? Are you free? Are you now heaven bound?

A glorious land ahead

17 I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land - a land flowing with milk and honey.'

True salvation means I have exchanged bondage for liberty, poverty for plenty and labour for rest. God by his grace if he has delivered you out of a spiritual Egypt - will bring to a happy settlement in the land of heaven.

Moses was the instrument that God used, a type of Jesus. Now Jesus has come, though his own blood salvation is for the whole world.

Jesus said **"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**

And now he calls you and I to go. **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of who? the I am? The Lord? YAHWEH?**

In the name singular of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," Mt 28:18-19

⇒ **We go in His name. Are you going? Will you go? Who me? yes you!**

Jesus said to his disciples **"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."** Joh 20:21

"I can't go you say". Maybe when you could go you didn't or you wouldn't, and now you can't. Well, you can help others to go. You can encourage and support others. You can join up with me or another and go and talk to people in this areas including Masefield, - maybe it's ripe for harvest. What is stopping you from stepping forward and saying I'll go?

Excuses

Don't be like Moses who said 11 **"Who am I, that I should go"** he sees himself completely unfit for the task. Yes we all are. But the Lord says **"I will be with you"** v11

In Haggai when they stopped working on the temple the simple message was 'don't stop get on with it because **I am with you'**. As the Lord's people, when set a task you are not on your own, the Lord says **"I will be with you"**.

Song "the Lord your God is with you, His power gives you the victory" x2

Jesus said **"surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."** Matt 28:20

So now go

Again v13 "What shall I say? The people won't believe me". We go in the power and authority of the Risen Lord Jesus, it doesn't get higher than that.

Again 4:1 **What if they do not believe me.** The Lord will take our words and bring them with power.

Again 4:10, "Lord I am not a good speaker" **I have never been eloquent** is there anything else you can think of Moses? It is not eloquence Moses, listen to Paul **"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,"** 1Co 2:4

Anyway Moses, we are told in Ac 7:22 that you were **educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.**

Again 4:13 **O Lord, please send someone else to do it.** But Moses, he is sending you. Today he is sending me, - and you here. *Is the Lord using you?*

When Jesus was sent to take on himself the most excruciating work of being a sin bearer he did not shirk he said **‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, O God.’**” Psalm 40:6-8 see LXX, Heb 10:7

⇒ If you are a disciple of Jesus then the Lord has chosen to use you.

As the Lord looks down the tunnel of time he says to you and I **now go**.

Are you unhappy? Are you easily depressed? Much of this is likely because you are not involved in this great task to which you have been called.

You are called to be gospel carriers. You are called to be peacemakers, that means being the link between the sinner trapped in sin - and the Saviour - that your neighbour, your friend, your family member might find peace with God. Don't you desire to see someone pardoned, released from captivity and brought to the King - and now worshipping among us?

■ We thought at the beginning about hostages being released.

⇒ There is nothing more joyful for a Christian than to see the wonderful working of grace in a person, the burst of life that shines out.

Don't you want to see that? Then be the person the Lord will use to bring that about. Will you pray earnestly that the Lord will do that in 2025? **END**

Cantonese

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上帝的呼召

開篇經文

聖歌 MP 708 榮耀歸於上帝

經文 以賽亞書 61 章 (第 748 頁)

禱告

兒童談話 去洗漱並查看約翰 8

合唱 MP 545 主啊，請打開我們的眼睛

通知 Masefield 更新。下週日舉行會員會議。週四為禱告時間，下午 5 點為晚間禮拜。新款 Cameo 和 Tudor House 床單。週二教學

禱告

主禱文 - 奉獻箱首頁 - 禱告中提到奉獻

讀出埃及記 3:7-17 (第 60 頁)

使徒行傳 7:30-38 (第 1099 頁)

聖詩 唯有聖潔的神

講道 主在利用你嗎？

聖歌 MP 663 代價已付

結束禱告

禱告

中東地區最近釋放了人質。你看到了他們快樂的臉孔，現在他們的考驗已經結束，現在他們的痛苦已經結束。他們自由了——而且他們到家了。

如果那是你，你不會同樣高興，甚至欣喜若狂嗎？當然。這就像成為基督徒的經歷，罪得到寬恕，負擔得到卸下，感受到新的快樂並有慈愛的父親的存在。太棒了。

我們在整本聖經中都可以看到上帝這仁慈的行為。

這就像在度假時買一根石頭棒，無論你在哪裡折斷它，你都會得到同樣的信息“布萊克浦”或“懷特島”神釋放被囚禁之人的偉大計畫在出埃及記 3 章中有所闡述。

救贖總是一樣的。先說問題，再說答案。罪惡的陷阱——求助的呼喊——上帝的關懷——救援者的派遣。

我們從埃及開始。我們總是從埃及開始。《創世紀》結束於埃及，最後的話語是埃及的棺材（創 50:26）。

在出埃及記第 1 章中，以色列人成為埃及的奴隸。這是奴隸的土地，黑暗的土地。我們在 1:13 讀到埃及人對他們進行了殘酷的迫害。他們從事磚瓦和各種田間的辛苦工作，生活十分艱苦；埃及人對他們的一切辛勤工作都進行了殘酷的對待。出埃及記 1:13-14

你明白了嗎？他們遭受了無情的對待……那麼他們做了什麼？

他們在奴役下呻吟並呼喊，他們因奴役而發出的求救聲傳到了上帝那裡。出埃及記 2:23。上帝不會對祂受苦受難的人民的哭喊充耳不聞。他知道他的人民的每一個秘密的悲傷。

上帝拯救受壓迫的人，並審判強大的壓迫者。

上帝聽到了嗎？上帝聽到了嗎？上帝聽到了他們的呻吟，是的，他聽到了，他記得他與亞伯拉罕、以撒和雅各的約定。所以上帝看顧以色列人並且關心他們。出埃及記 2:24,25

主神曾經憂慮，現在依然憂慮。出於同情，他派了一位救援人員。我們上次在出埃及記 3:1-7 看到了主如何準備摩西成為那位拯救者。神聖可畏的神顯明了自己

燃燒的灌木叢，摩西變成了另一個人。摩西正在為未來一生的事業做準備。他即將被主大大重用。標題：主在利用你嗎？你會被主大大重用嗎？

燃燒的灌木沒有被燒毀，=火焰是自我維持的。聖火不僅是上帝自身的啟示、祂純潔性的象徵，也是上帝在摩西生命中成為的樣子的映射，而摩西最關心的始終是上帝的榮耀在祂立約的子民中顯現。

當我們閱讀第 7

節時，主重申了祂的擔憂。耶和華說：「我實在看見我的百姓在埃及所受的困苦。我聽見他們因受督工的苦痛而哀求，我關心他們的痛苦。9b 我看見埃及人怎樣欺壓他們。

魔鬼是個殘酷的監工，如果你處於他嚴厲的控制之下一主會看到，主會聽到，主會關心。他會對此採取行動。

8 所以我下來拯救他們

已經過去好長時間了；400年。但現在救援者來了。

在基督時代也是如此。四百年來一直沉默，沒有上帝的聲音，難道主不關心嗎？

他確實來了——

然後一陣天使般的活動，黑暗的天空被照亮了，救世主來了。約瑟被告知瑪麗“她將生一個兒子，你要給他起名叫耶穌，因為他將拯救他的人民脫離他們的罪惡。”太

1:21。這位在時間開始之前就計劃好的救世主已經來到了這裡。上帝之子、永恆的道從天上降臨來拯救我們。

8 所以，我下來拯救他們，上帝說。

上帝承諾，上帝實現，祂意志堅定，祂會做到——而且迅速。

上帝派遣的救世主摩西也是如此。

主是拯救者——儘管祂利用了摩西——但主確實進行了拯救。摩西是代理人；摩西是被選中的工具。主利用祂的子民。你是被上帝利用的男人或女人嗎？他是在利用你嗎？在他的偉大救援計劃和拯救靈魂的過程中——他在利用你嗎？

奴隸制

在《聖經》中，埃及代表罪惡和囚禁、黑暗和死亡。那些以色列人無法自己解救自己，他們被困住了。他們將成為死亡的奴隸。我們並沒有處於肉體的奴役之下，但我們都處於另一種奴役之下，即罪惡的奴役。我的意思是什麼？一旦我犯罪，我就有罪了，這使我失去了主的恩寵。我無法做任何事來消除我的罪惡感，它就在那裡，這是我無法去除的污點。但這不是我天生就有的，因為亞當我才生來如此。那些以色列人生來就是奴隸。我們也是如此，我們所有人，每個人，你或我都對此無能為力。

阿克塞爾·魯達庫巴納的滔天罪行從何而來？他自己那顆罪惡的心。這個國家正在認識並試圖理解這一點。他怎麼能做到這一點？為什麼會有這麼多仇恨？為什麼這麼少悔意。世界無法理解。但是任何聽過耶穌話的人都知道，這是來自他邪惡的心

x2。只有上帝的恩典才能讓我擺脫上帝賦予的父母弟子的約束，消除自我控制，透過線上曝光將邪惡正常化來消磨良知，而這正是魔鬼所喜歡的。消除對懲罰的恐懼，消除一個人規範另一個人行為的社會訓誡，你就會看到人類內心浮現的東西。

一旦你有了那個自私的想法，你就會有另一個，你就被它的掌握，一個驕傲的想法會導致另一個驕傲的想法，聖經宣稱整個世界都是罪的囚徒加 3:22

罪惡設下陷阱，不讓你離開。你已經走了它的路，就像那個堅持不懈的賣家一樣，它會盡一切努力確保你再次回來

罪孽使我們越過了界限，我們違背了主的恩惠，變得不受主青睞。我們處於上帝的詛咒之下，祂的審判籠罩著我們。

魔鬼是我們的控告者，當他指出我的罪過時，他說的是實話。我無法反悔，無法撤銷，無法釋放自己。我無法做任何事來改變任何事。我被困住了。我需要幫助。如果沒有這種幫助，等待他們的將是地獄的審判和懲罰。神聖、公正的上帝不會做其他事。主知道這一點，出於對祂所揀選之人的關心和憐憫，祂降臨拯救他們

□ 主啊，我們歌唱，感謝祢派遣祢的兒子。多麼偉大的救世主。

天父從天上差遣祂的兒子耶穌，使祂從死裡復活，祂將我們從即將到來的憤怒中拯救出來。帖前 1:10

噢，感謝上帝。以信仰回應，以順從回應，你可以說感謝上帝，雖然我曾經是罪的奴隸，但羅 6:17

我現在自由了。感謝上帝！祂藉著復活的主耶穌基督給我們得勝。林前 15:57

上帝透過摩西不僅拯救了埃及的人民 8b。脫離埃及人的手，並承諾將他們從那片土地上帶出來——去到一個美好、寬闊的土地，一個流淌著牛奶和蜂蜜的土地——天堂的圖景。

正如主所承諾的，這件事必將發生。他對摩西說 10

「現在去吧。我要差遣你去見法老，將我的百姓以色列人從埃及領出來。

摩西已經做好準備，並被任命，「現在，出發」 x2

摩西怎麼想我？我很弱，我沒有力量，我沒有權威

但請記住，拯救者的是摩西——不是你——而是你的上帝。他有能力，他有權威。

我該用什麼名字來證明我被派遣了？

當你責罵某人亂丟垃圾或在人行道上騎自行車或四輪車時，你會問自己「你是誰？你是警察嗎？你是誰？你是誰，憑什麼說我不該這麼做？

摩西面對一大群挑戰他權柄的人，想要退到他身後。我該說是誰派我來的呢？

3:14 神對摩西說：“我是自有永有的。你要對以色列人這樣說：‘自有永有的打發我到你們這裡來。’”

我在市中心佈道時也遇到同樣的問題「你是誰，憑什麼說這些話？當我們以神的名義與人們講話時，我們應該迅速說出我們是以誰的名義講話的。

「我是自有永有的。你們要對以色列人這樣說：『自有永有的打發我到你們這裡來。』」他給了一個名字，表明了他本身的本質。上帝是自存的，祂自身存在，不依賴任何其他事物。

世界上最偉大、最優秀的人一定會說，承蒙上帝的恩典，我才有了今天的我；但上帝絕對地說，我就是我。既然他是自存的，他就不能不自給自足——因而也是全能的——

並且是存在和幸福的取之不盡的源泉。

他是永恆的，他是不會改變的，他始終如一，「我耶和華是不改變的」瑪拉基書3:6

他是信實的，他信守他所有的諾言，他的話語和他的本性都是不會改變的，而不是一個應該說謊的人。

他對摩西說，讓以色列人知道這一點，是我派你來的。

然後他似乎給了另一個名字來表明他對他的人民意味著什麼。

神又對摩西說：「你要對以色列人說：『耶和華你們祖宗的神，就是亞伯拉罕的神、以撒的神、雅各的神，就是祂曾多次應許的族長，差遣我到你們。』

他說這是我永遠的名，這是耶和華的名字，也是我世代代要被記住的名字。出埃及記 3:15。

因為「耶和華」的大寫字母是 YHWH 或

Yahweh，他的崇拜者就是這樣認識他的。他要與周圍所有的假神區分開來；例如，在獻祭的時候，先知以利亞走上前來禱告：「耶和華亞伯拉罕、以撒、以色列的神啊，求你今日使人知道你是以色列的神，也是你的僕人，又作了這一切。

□

對所有真正崇拜耶和華的人來說，祂是我們祖先的上帝，祂會忠實地履行對他們的承諾——因此也對我們承諾。

那我們應該使用哪一個呢？有趣的是，這兩個名字的發音很相似，請參閱註腳。我是 Hayah，發音為 haw-yaw。主的大寫字母是 Yahweh，發音為 yeh-ho-vaw，來自 Hayah 的字根，表示唯一自存或永恆。

仔細聽 - 出埃及記 3:14 中的“我是”在希臘語舊約中是 ego emi εγω

εμι。自我意味著“我”，而我們從未遠離自我。Emi 是動詞‘to be’的第一人稱單數，即‘I am’。因此，ego emi 的字面意思是“我，我是”

耶穌嘴裡說出這句話，並不是每次都說“我是某種東西”，但在某些時候，他會宣稱自己就是同樣的自我。

約翰福音 4 章 1 節，耶穌對井邊的女人說：“這和你說話的就是他。”字面上跟你說話的人是「我是」v26 那麼女人做什麼呢？女人放下水罐，回到城裡，對人們說：「你們來看！有一個人將我素來所行的一切事都告訴我了。這可能是基督嗎？約翰福音 4:28,29

然後在約翰福音第 8

章中，“我實實在在地告訴你們，”耶穌回答道，“在亞伯拉罕出生之前，‘我就存在’！”人們清楚知道他的意思，那麼他們會做什麼呢？於是他們拿起石頭要打他，約翰福音 8:58-59

當約翰福音第 18

章中武裝士兵、官員和群眾來逮捕耶穌時發生了什麼事？當耶穌說「我就是」時，他們就會退縮並倒在地上。約18:6

他們都知道耶穌自稱是誰。你知道嗎？你發現了嗎？你是否看見了——來自天父的耶穌——是天父——是 9 人永遠的天父。

聖者耶穌死在十字架上，付出了一切代價才將奴隸從束縛中解放出來。代價已經付出，哈利路亞。那位應許我們的耶穌確實能釋放被囚禁的人。

我們可以透過觀察從埃及人手中拯救人類來理解耶穌所帶來的拯救。主戰勝了敵人的力量，他們無法阻擋敵人，當他們試圖奪回他們時，他們全都滅亡在紅海中。但獲救人員都安全抵達了目的地。耶穌說：

「我實在告訴你們，那聽我話、又信差我來者的，就有永生，不至於定罪，是已經出死入生了。約翰二書 5:24

你穿越了嗎？你有空嗎？你現在要去天堂嗎？

前方是一片光榮的土地

17 我應許將你們從埃及的苦難中領出來，帶你們進入流奶與蜜的土地。

真正的救贖意味著我用自由換取束縛，用富足換取貧窮，用休息換取勞動。如果上帝以祂的恩典將你從精神的埃及解救出來 - 就會帶給你天堂般的幸福安居。

摩西是上帝使用的工具，是耶穌的一種類型。如今耶穌已經來了，儘管祂自己的血的救贖是為了整個世界。

耶穌說「天上地下所有的權柄都賜給我了。

現在他叫你跟我一起去。所以你們要去，使萬民作我的門徒，奉誰的名施洗呢？我是誰？主？耶和華？奉父、子、聖靈的名。

□ 我們奉祂的名而行。你要去嗎？你會去嗎？誰是我？是的！

耶穌對門徒說：「父怎樣差遣了我，我也照樣差遣你們。」約翰福音 20:21

“你說我不能去。”也許當你可以去的時候你沒去，或是你不願意去，現在你也不能去。那好，你可以幫助別人去。您可以鼓勵和支持他人。你可以和我或其他人一起去和包括梅斯菲爾德在內的這些地區的人們交談——也許現在已經可以收穫了。是什麼阻止你走上前去說「我會去」？

藉口

不要像摩西那樣說 11 「我是誰，竟敢去呢？」他認為自己完全不適合這項任務。

在哈該書中，當他們停止建造聖殿時，傳達的簡單訊息是「不要停止，繼續做下去，因為我與你們同在」。身為主的子民，當你被賦予一項任務時，你並不孤單，主會說「我會與你同在」。

歌曲「耶和華你的神與你同在，祂的力量使你得勝」 x2

耶穌說「我就常與你們同在，直到世界的末了」。馬太福音 28:20

所以現在去吧

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「我該說什麼？人們不會相信我」。我們以復活的主耶穌的力量和權柄為依托，沒有比這更高的了。

再 4:1 如果他們不相信我怎麼辦？主會接受我們的話語並賦予其力量。

再次是

4:10, 「主啊，我不是一個好的演講者」我從來都不善於雄辯，你還能想到摩西的其他什麼嗎？這不是口才摩西，聽保羅的話「我說的話、講的道，不是用智慧委婉的言語，乃是用聖靈大能的明證，」林前 2:4

無論如何，摩西，我們在《使徒行傳》7:22 中得知，你學了埃及人的一切智慧，並且在言語和行為上都很有才能。

再 4:13

主啊，求你差遣別人來做這件事。但是摩西，他派你來了。今天他派我來，還有你來。主在利用你嗎？當耶穌被派去承擔最痛苦的擔罪工作時，他沒有推卸，他說：「我在這裡—我的事在捲軸上已經記載了—上帝啊，我來是要遵行你的旨意。」詩篇 40:6-8 參閱 LXX、希伯來書 10:7

- 如果你是耶穌的門徒，那麼主就選擇使用你。

當上帝俯視時間隧道時，祂對你和我說，現在就走吧。

你不開心嗎？你很容易沮喪嗎？這在很大程度上可能是因為您沒有參與您被要求完成的這項偉大任務。你們被召喚成為福音的傳播者。你們被稱為和平締造者，這意味著成為陷入罪孽的罪人和救世主之間的紐帶，以便你的鄰居、你的朋友、你的家人能夠與上帝找到和平。難道您不希望看到有人獲得赦免、從囚禁中被釋放、被帶到國王面前，然後現在就在我們中間崇拜嗎？

我們一開始想到的是釋放人質。

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對一個基督徒來說，沒有什麼比看到恩典在一個人身上奇妙地發揮作用、生命力迸發出光芒更快樂的了。

你不想看到嗎？那麼就成為主用來實現這目標的人吧。您會真誠祈禱主在 2025 年這樣做嗎？結尾