

# NSD Notes

*For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)*  
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### Services

Bible Study ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Service.....11 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6 p.m.  
Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

### News @ NSD

#### WELCOME VISITORS!

#### Prayer List

- **Ken Holloway's** is progressing well with his recovery from a recent stroke.
- **Martha Holloway** –heart condition
- **Dema Franklin** – fractured spine needs care and rest.
- **Sally Harper's** sister-in-law recently diagnosed with diabetes.
- **Logan Harper's** sister and entire family are down with swine flu.
- **Matt and Jana Wells** – due to return this week from travelling with family in Arizona.
- **Cassandra Fredrickson** - away at college.
- Please continue to pray for **Samantha Wilson**.
- Marie Adams –recovering at home from hip surgery.
- Jeanne Lynne – has a few more surgeries to go.

**Welcome back Ernest!**

**TONIGHT IS SINGING NIGHT**

**Sunday Class**  
Studies in James

**Wednesday Class**  
Bible Character Studies: Jonah

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**(I AM)**

Charles Talbot

The telegraph and the International Morse code have been largely replaced by more modern forms of communication. The I AMs of Jesus are no code, but His words revealing who He is. To those knowing the Hebrew Scriptures in Hebrew or in Greek (which uses the same words for I AM as in the New Testament, EGO EMI), the I AM speaks of eternal God. Obvious I AMs are found in **John 6:32-51; 8:12, 18, 58; 10:1-16; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1-5** and **Revelation 1:8, 17** and **22:16**. Some of the I AMs are overlooked in many English translations and study notes. These verses are the main focus of this article. I have included more of the meanings of the Greek words for some of the words in English.

When Jesus walked on the water, He spoke in **Matthew 14:27; Mark 6:50**: "*Be of good cheer, be of good courage, be of good comfort (THARSEITE in Greek,) I AM, do not be afraid (do not fear).*"

*But he said to them, I AM, do not be afraid (do not fear).*  
**John 6:20**

John includes more I AMs than Matthew, Mark, Luke, Acts or Revelation. In **John 4:25-26** the woman at the well is told by Jesus, "*I AM the one speaking distinctly to you.*" Is it any surprise then that she left her waterpot to bring others to the Christ and that they came?

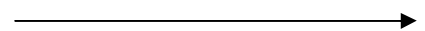
The second major I AM passage in **John is 8:12-30**:

In verse 24, Jesus said,

*Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not that I AM, you will die in your sins.*  
**John 8:24**

In verse 28,

*Then said Jesus to them, When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I AM, and that I do nothing of Myself, but rather as MY Father taught Me, I speak these things distinctly.*  
**John 8:28**



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All are welcome to our worship  
and study meetings!

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **Col 3:16**

Blessed is that man  
Who makes the LORD his trust  
And does not respect the proud  
Nor such as turn aside to lies.  
Many, O LORD my God, are Your  
wonderful works  
Which You have done;  
And Your thoughts toward us  
Cannot be recounted to You in order;  
If I would declare and speak of them,  
They are more than can be numbered.

*Psalm 40: 4-5*

It was matchless love that found me  
When the bands of sin had bound me  
It was love that planned escape for me  
When I was lost, undone  
It was love in sad plight saw me  
It was love that reached out for me  
'Twas the precious love of Jesus Christ  
The mighty, holy one

Love, 'twas love, matchless love  
Love, 'twas love, matchless love  
Upon the cruel cross to choose  
A death of shame for me  
Love, 'twas love, matchless love  
Love 'twas love, love I owe  
For his salvation full and free  
Giv'n thru love, love, matchless love

*Samuel Beazley*

## [I AM]

In **John 13:18-19** Jesus speaks distinctly of the fulfilling of **Psalm 41:9** of His betrayal by one lifting up his heel against Him. "Now I relate to you before it comes, that, when it will come, you may believe that I AM."

The last John I Am passage is in **18:1-11**. In verse 5, Jesus told them, "I AM." Verse 6 adds, "As soon as He had said to them, 'I AM', they drew back and fell to the ground."

*Jesus answered, I have said to you that I AM. Therefore if  
you seek Me, let these go their way.*

**John 18:8**

Before the council in **Mark 14:62** Jesus said, "I AM: and will see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." In **Luke 22:70** in answer to the question, "Are you then the Son of God?" Jesus spoke, making it known to them, "You said that I AM." And they said, "Why do we need any further witness? We have heard it from his own mouth."

When Jesus appears to the disciples in **Luke 24:39** He says to them "Behold (See, Perceive) My hands and feet, that I AM the same (Myself); feel me and behold (see, perceive); for a spirit has (need) not flesh and bones as you can see I have."

Acts may seem a surprise for I AMs, but Jesus needs Paul to understand who He is. On the road to Damascus in **Acts 9:5** and **26:15**, Jesus said to him, "I AM Jesus who you persecute". Jesus made His point to Paul. In **Acts 18:9-10**, He told Paul not to be afraid (not to fear), speak distinctly and hold not your peace:

*For I AM with you, and no one will set upon you to hurt  
you, for I have many people in this city.*

**Acts 18:10**

John fittingly includes I AMs in the opening and the closing of Revelation. I wonder if John recalled the words of Jesus in the storm when Jesus said to him in **1:17**, "Do not be afraid (do not fear); I AM the first and the last."

These passages in their contexts can help us comprehend who He is, and what He said that we should do and not do.

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