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THE I AM – NOT THE I WILL BE – OR THE I WAS

When Moses was called by God to go to Egypt, He asked God what his name was. In Genesis 3:14 it says, ***“and God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.”*** The Jewish people honor that name so highly they never speak it out completely. It is translated from the Hebrew word YHWH or Yahweh, which in English is Jehovah.

Jehovah occurs over 6,000 times in the Old Testament. It suggests the timelessness of God, the very foundation of existence. In John 8:58 Jesus said, ***“Before Abraham was, I AM”***, indicating that He was and is God in the flesh. Jehovah is a plural word, which entails Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is no time with God. In Revelation 1:4 it says, ***“from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come”*** alluding to Jesus being timeless.

God works in the present time. Yes, he was in history, but He is not called the “I was.” Yes, he is spoken of in the future, but He is not called “the I will be.” We must see Him as a very present God. Since with God there is no time, then we have to conform to His “timing,” knowing that in His time things will come together.

Don’t look back at ***“what was”*** my friends. It is over, whether it was your great successes or your failures. They are gone, and you can’t bring them back.

Don’t spend time daydreaming about THE ***“what will be”***, because we cannot do anything about tomorrow. We live in this day with the I AM. He supplies our daily needs. He is our ever “present” help in times of trouble.

Unfortunately, many live on yesterday’s stale bread and tomorrow’s bread that hasn’t risen instead of enjoying the fresh manna that God brings each day. We find that bread as we read God’s Word. It brings nourishment to our soul and sustains us through each day.

It says in Hebrews 13:8, ***“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever.”*** He has never been anything other than He is and will never be any different. We can trust that the one that made the universe can hold it together. He has a plan and will unfold it one day at a time. So, rest in that fact and walk by faith each day knowing that the I AM is with you!