

THE GREAT I AM

A Biblical Series on the Metaphors of Christ

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“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.”

- Exodus 3:14

DEFINITIONS

TRUTH (G225) *Alethia* - true x truly; (true as not concealing). “Truth is used objectively, signifying the reality lying at the basis of appearance; the manifested, veritable essence of a matter.” (Vines pg. 645)

WAY (G3598) *Hodos* - a road, by imp. a progress; fig. a mode or means

WAY (H1870) *Derek* - a road (as trodden); fig. a course of life or mode of action



Psalter Hymnal 46

*Lord to Me Thy Ways
Make Known*

*Lord to me thy ways make known,
Guide in truth and teach me;
Thou Savior art alone,
All the day I wait for Thee.*

*Just and good the Lord abides,
He His way will sinner show.
He the meek in justice guides
Making them His way to know.*

*Grace and truth shall mark the way
Where the Lord His own will lead.
If His Word they still obey
And His testimonies heed.*

B. I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE - John 14:1-7

This familiar metaphor has been memorized by many since childhood as a memory verse or song. What is often overlooked, however, is the preceding question of Thomas, “*How can we know the way?*” When have you asked the same question?

1. THE WAY - In agreement with the rest of the Bible’s teachings, there is no way (road) leading to a middle ground. When Christ calls Himself “the way,” it is in complete contrast with the other way, the way of the wicked. How can these two ways be recognized?
 - a. Jesus states, “*I am the way,*” What kind of “way” is this?
 - 1) The “way” of the Lord - Prov. 10:29; Ps. 27:11, 1
 - 2) The “way” of truth - Psalm 119:30; 86:11
 - 3) The “way” of righteousness - Ps. 1:6
 - 4) The “way” of understanding - Prov. 9:6-10
 - 5) The “way” that leads to life - Matt. 7:14
 - b. What is the contrast of the “way of the wicked”?
 - 1) The “way” of the wicked - Prov. 4:19; Prov. 15:9
 - 2) The “way” of a fool - Prov.12:15; Prov. 14:12
 - 3) The “way” of man - Prov. 21:8
 - 4) Destruction and misery are in their “ways” - Ro. 3:16-18
 - 5) The “way” that leads to destruction - Matt. 7:13



“Enter ye in the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”
- Matt7:13-14

- What is a false perception of the “way that leads to life” by one who struggles with accepting the sovereignty of God in his/her life? Why does a person buck this way unless he/she is spiritually broken?
 - Give some examples (lifestyles, religion, monetary choices etc.) of the way, “Each Does What’s Right in His Own Eyes.” Why is this broad “way that leads to destruction” (Matt. 7:13) so popular?
2. THE TRUTH - What have you experienced to be the definition of truth in today’s world? Is partial truth the accepted norm? Is perception automatically considered truth? How do you demonstrate truth in your life: Don’t ask don’t tell? Avoid truth, avoid conflict? Suspicious that most don’t have the potential to speak the truth? Compare your response(s) with the Biblical definition of truth:
 - a. Who or what exactly is the “truth” spoken of in, “*I am the way, the truth and the life?*”
 - 1) “*The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive...*” John 14:17; 1 Jn. 4:6; 1 Jn. 5:6-8
 - 2) “*Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth.*” John 17:17; Jn. 1:1-5
 - 3) “*...thy law is the truth.*” Psalm 119:142; Ps. 25:5
 - b. Is it possible for a person to resist the “truth”?
 - 1) “*...so do these also resist the truth...*” 2 Tim. 3:7-8; 4:3-4
 - 2) “*...that turn from the truth...they profess that they know God...*” Titus 1:14-16
- DISCUSS: How can we know if we have the “truth” in us? Does God give the assurance of salvation to those He came to save? (use I John 3:18-22 and other scripture texts for support)