

Bible Class Notes – From John’s Gospel– Lesson 45A

The Lord Jesus Christ is Eternal God.

This week our lesson considers The Jesus Christ as Eternal God – I AM THAT I AM.

**God said unto Moses, “I AM THAT I AM”:
and He said, ‘Thus shall thou say
unto the Children of Israel,
‘I AM hath sent me unto you’ ”. Exodus 3 v14**

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Genesis 1 v1, John 1 v1-14 (Christ is Creator God)	
Monday	1 John 5 v1-13 (The Trinity – Father, Son, Holy Spirit)	
Tuesday	Exodus 3 v1-22 (I AM THAT AM hath sent you)	
Wednesday	Exodus 20 v1-17 (I AM The Lord Your God – Obey Me)	
Thursday	Matthew 3 v1-17 (I AM well pleased with My Son)	
Friday	John 8 v39-59 (Jesus said, ‘Before Abraham was, I AM’)	
Saturday	Revelation 22 v1-21 (I AM Alpha and Omega)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Let us consider Jesus Christ as our Alpha and Omega.

He is the **first** Person and **only** Person that we are directed to in order to obtain forgiveness and salvation. He is the **last** Person we look to, to take us into eternal Heaven. During life He is the **first** we should go to with our sin, troubles, and trials, for He is the only one Who can help us. If we are His then He has promised to never leave us or forsake us. (**Hebrews 13v5**). Let us begin with Jesus Christ, staying close to Him so that we will end our life on earth with Him; that He will be with us in death so that we can spend eternity in Heaven with Him. Let us know the power of His resurrection and look to Him with joy and expectancy; glorifying Him as our **Alpha and Omega** from day to day.

This week’s hymn verses reminds us that Abraham’s God, Jehovah, is The One True God: (158)

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| <p>1. The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and Heaven confessed;
We bow and bless the sacred name,
For ever blessed.</p> | <p>3. The God of Abraham praise,
Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide us all our happy days,
In all our ways:
He is our faithful Friend;
He is our gracious God;
And He will save us to the end,
Through Jesus’ blood.</p> |
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The Eternal Existence of God – ‘I AM that I AM’.

- **The Lord Jesus Christ is Eternal God – ‘I AM that I AM’. To Be, To Exist.**
 - This is why the Lord Jesus Christ spoke so many times as being, ‘I AM’
 - Always, eternal, no beginning, no end. Consistently the same - holy, merciful. *‘I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last’.* (Rev 22v13)
- **The Lord Jesus Christ is God The Creator of All Things.** Genesis 1 v1, John 1 v1
 - In the beginning God (אֱלֹהִים, ‘elôhîym, Elohim more than 2). Father, Son, Holy Spirit. *‘For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (the Son), and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one’.* (1 John 5v7)
- **The Lord God spoke to Moses at the Burning Bush.**
 - Tell Pharaoh, *‘I AM THAT I AM hath sent you’.* (Exodus 3), *‘Let My People Go’.*
 - Almighty God sent the 10 plagues on Egypt as judgement for rejecting Him.
- **The Lord God Gave His Commandments.**
 - The Lord God declared to Moses, *‘I AM the Lord your God’.* (Exodus 20 v2)
 - The first 3 Commandments present God as - Unique, Holy, Just, and Merciful.
- **The Lord God Confirms Christ’s Deity - God The Son.**
 - *‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased’.* (Matthew 3v17, & 17v5)
- **Christ Confirms His Deity To The Unbelieving Pharisees.**
 - He said, *‘Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM’.* (John 8v58)
 - **Their response** – Hatred - They took up stones to cast at Him. (John 8 v59)
 - **But Jesus**, (using His Almighty power), hid Himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by. (John 8 v59)
- **Christ Demonstrated:**
 - **His Deity in the Garden of Gethsemane:**
 - **His enemies came to arrest Him – As soon then as He had said unto them, ‘I AM He’, they went backward, and fell to the ground.** (John 18 v6)
 - **Yet He freely gave up Himself** to them. His time had come to face the cross.
 - **His Ability To Save All Who Come To Him in Repentance and Faith:**
 - **Oh! What love!** He willingly died on Calvary to save lost sinners like us.
 - **‘It is finished’** - He had completed His substitutionary sacrifice by taking the wrath of God for our sin if we will repent and believe on Him as Saviour.
 - **His Absolute Power Over Sin and Death:**
 - **He Rose again from the Dead – I AM The Resurrection and The Life.** (John 11v25)
 - **He Ascended into Heaven and will return again one day as Judge.**

The Angel’s message, ‘Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven’.