



INTRODUCTION: Throughout all of the ages, God has revealed himself to man. God has revealed himself with specific terms. He has revealed himself with power and authority. Yet Satan, since the beginning of time has been introducing new philosophies, concepts and even religions that would compete with Christianity.

You can see this in the first moments of early human history (Genesis 3:1).

Secularism – indifference to exclusion of religious considerations from a moral system.

Pluralism – the belief that all religions are the same.

Humanism – The belief that man is his own god and his own conscious.

Polytheist - the worship of or belief in more than one deity, especially several deities.

I. THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF OUR GOD (EXODUS 20:2)

A. GOD'S NAME (EXODUS 3:14)

While God's people had been enslaved in the land of Egypt they were exposed to many pagan gods. When God sent Moses to say to Pharaoh, "Let my people go," his purpose was to take them out of that polytheistic land to where they could serve the one true God and him alone.

The Egyptians had the frog god, Het. They had the sun god Rah. There was the Babylonian god, Marduch. There was the god of the Canaanites, Molec.

This name, "I Am" is from the Hebrew word Jehovah which tells us of the self-sufficiency of our God. This name tells us that God is fully God. He has the attributes of deity. He has all power over his creation.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

In the Hebrew this is called the Shema which is the Jewish confession of faith. They would pray it every day.

Isaiah 43:11, "I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour."

Jo. 8:58, "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."

There is no disconnecting from Jesus Christ and the God of the Old Testament. Both claim to be "I Am".

John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Colossians 2:9, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

B. GOD'S NATURE

The name for God in Genesis 1:1 is Elohiym signifying all three persons of the Trinity and their creative power.

Matthew 28:18, "Jesus . . . spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

Revelation 19:6, ". . . the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

II. THE PROMISES OF OUR GOD (EXODUS 20:2)

A. THE PROMISE TO DELIVER THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FROM EGYPT (EXODUS 3:7-8)

B. THE PROMISE TO DELIVER US FROM SIN

Ephesians 2:8-9, "8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Religion says, "Do" while grace says, "Done." The primary purpose of our salvation is to glorify God.

Philippians 2:8-11, "8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

I John 5:11-13, "11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

III. THE PREMINENCE OF OUR GOD (EXODUS 20:3)

A. BECAUSE OF HIS PREMINENCE, GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR FAITH

Colossians 1:18, "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."

Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Romans 11:6, "And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

B. BECAUSE OF HIS PREMINENCE, GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP

Isaiah 42:8, "I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."