



Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES

Image by Christine Sponchia from Pixabay

I AM WHO AM: MY NAME FOREVER

By Sr. Christine Hilliard, CSJ

From Today's Reading

Moses, hearing the voice of the LORD from the burning bush, said to him, "When I go to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the children of Israel: 'I AM sent me to you.'" God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this my title for all generations. Go and assemble the elders of Israel, and tell them: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared to me and said: I am concerned about you and about the way you are being treated in Egypt; so I have decided to lead you up out of the misery of Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.' Thus they will heed your message. Then

you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him: 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent us word. Permit us, then, to go a three-days' journey in the desert, that we may offer sacrifice to the LORD, our God.' Yet I know that the king of Egypt will not allow you to go unless he is forced. I will stretch out my hand, therefore, and smite Egypt by doing all kinds of wondrous deeds there. After that he will send you away."

EXODUS 3:13-20

Reflection

The voice of the LORD from the fabled burning bush identifies the God who has called Moses, previously selecting him to be the Holy One's messenger and agent of Divine activity. Now Moses needs some information before he takes on his tasks. Given the overabundance of gods and goddesses among various tribes of people, the LORD Moses represents needs to speak the name of God before the people commit themselves. So Moses asks: "When I go to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is this God's name?' what am I to tell them?" (The name is an important identification of power and character.) God replied, "I am who am."

Then God added, "This is what you shall tell the children of Israel: I AM sent me to you." Apparently "I AM WHO AM" is the source of the word Yahweh, personal name of the God of Israel. It is understood in reference to God as the necessary and absolute Being, as the Source of all created beings. This is who has sent Moses and who will ultimately guide the people to freedom.



People worshipping together
Photo by Caleb Oquendo

For Prayer

I give thanks to you, O LORD, and make known among the nations your saving work. My heart glories in your wondrous deeds and proclaims your holy name. I look to you in your strength and seek to serve you constantly.

O LORD, remembering forever your covenant you greatly increased your people and made them stronger than their foes. You sent Moses your servant and his brother Aaron, whom you had chosen. They performed your signs and wonders among the people.

O LORD, you yourself with your servants led forth your people into a new land with shouts of joy so that they may keep your covenant and observe your laws.

Give thanks to the LORD who is with us, for God is good, for God's kindness endures forever. Amen.

BASED ON PSALM 105-106

If you enjoy reading our reflections and would like to make

a donation towards this ministry, click the button below!

Support Us Here



***Do you know someone who would enjoy Daily Reflections?
Please forward freely!***

Visit Website

714-744-3172

Join Mailing
List



To “Unsubscribe” from the daily reflections while remaining on our general mailing list, please [email us](#). The unsubscribe function below will unsubscribe you from all emails from CSD. Please know we will never share your information.

Center for Spiritual Development | 434 A South Batavia Street, Orange, CA 92868 (714) 744-3175

[Unsubscribe slongbotham@csjorange.org](mailto:Unsubscribe_slongbotham@csjorange.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by bythecsd@csjorange.org

