



I Am Love • Part 1

Lesson 6

Holy and Loving at the Same Time?

Exodus 15:22-34:35

Can God be holy and loving at the same time? Can He be loving and remain holy? And if so, is He?

How Should We Respond to God When He Reveals Himself as “I AM” Holy?

By Singing the Song of **MOSES** (Exodus 15:1-21) and the Song of the **LAMB** (Revelation 15:3-4)!

Live like a people who have been rescued to be on mission with the I AM God...

- ▶ **PRAISE** His HOLY Name
- ▶ **PROCLAIM** His HOLY Name
- ▶ **PRACTICE** His HOLY Name

How Did His Rescued People Respond in the Wilderness?

1. The Rescued Responded with **UNGRATEFUL GRIPING**. Exodus 15:22–18:27

- ▶ Griping about no water (15:22-27) **IN LOVE**, the I AM God *provides fresh water* from bitter!
 - ▶ Griping about no food (15:22-27) **IN LOVE**, the I AM God *provides bread* from heaven!
 - ▶ Griping about no water again (15:22-27) **IN LOVE**, the I AM God *provides water* from rock!
- IN LOVE**, the I AM God goes the extra mile and...
- ▶ Gives victory over a Gentile king that **resists** them. (17:8-16)
 - ▶ Gives salvation to a Gentile priest who **accepts** the I AM God as the one true God. (18:1-27)

How Did the “I AM” God of Love Respond?

1. The “I AM” God reveals the glory of His **HOLY NAME** on Mount Sinai. Exodus 19:1-25

IN LOVE, the I AM God keeps His promise to Moses at the Burning Bush!

IN LOVE, the I AM God reveals the **GLORY** of His holy name to the Israelites He has rescued out of Egypt—even though they have been ungrateful grippers ever since their rescue from Egypt!

2. The “I AM” God reveals His **HOLY LAW** and **LOVING DESIRE** to dwell with His people to Moses. Exodus 20:1–31:18

- ▶ The Law (the “Big Ten” plus more) is revealed. Exodus 20:1–23:33
IN LOVE, the I AM God expects them to be holy as He is holy so He reveals His holy Law to them!
- ▶ The Mosaic Covenant is ratified between the I AM God and His people, Israel. Exodus 24:1-18
IN LOVE, the I AM God desires to dwell with His people and have fellowship with them. (1-2)
IN LOVE, the I AM God desires to be in a covenant relationship of loving obedience with His people. (3-4)
- ▶ The Plans for the Tabernacle Revealed - Exodus 25:1–31:18

IN LOVE, the I AM God reveals His blueprints for building the Tabernacle and anointing the Priesthood, **SO HIS HOLY PRESENCE CAN DWELL IN THE MIDST OF SINFUL PEOPLE!**

How Did His Rescued People Respond?

1. The Rescued literally **BREAK** every law and boldly **DEFAME** His Holy Name. Exodus 32:1–6
2. The I AM God is **JEALOUS** for the fame of His Holy Name! Exodus 32:7-8; 20:5-6

IN LOVE, the “I AM” God will not let anyone or anything defame His Name or diminish His glory for He alone is God and only He can meet the needs of His people and to do otherwise would be untrue, unfaithful, and unloving.

How Did the “I AM” God of Love and His Mediator Moses Respond?

1. The “I AM” God tests the **HOLY LOVE** of His Mediator, Moses. Exodus 32:9–32

IN LOVE, the I AM God tests Moses to see if he will love God’s people like God has loved him! Will he love the rebellious and sinful people with a **HOLY LOVE** like the I AM God does?! (32:9-10)

- ▶ Moses **intercedes** for the people with the same kind of love God has had for him. (11-14)
- ▶ Moses **carries out** God’s holy judgment. (15-29)
- ▶ Moses **intercedes again** for the people and **seeks atonement** for their sin from God. (30-32)

IN LOVE, Moses passes the test to see if he loves God’s people like God has loved him!
Moses loves the rebellious and sinful people with a **HOLY** and **SELF-SACRIFICING LOVE** just like the I AM God does!

2. The “I AM” God responds with **HOLY LOVE** for His people. Exodus 32:33–35

IN LOVE, the “I AM” God makes clear to Moses that he can’t be the much-needed Substitute to atone for the sinning people, because only the “I AM” God is the sovereign Judge who executes judgment and could ever atone for sin.

How Did His Rescued People Respond?

1. The Rescued people finally **REPENT** at the thought of God’s holy presence no longer dwelling with them. Exodus 33:1-6

IN LOVE, the I AM God tests Israel to see if they are willing to live **WITHOUT** His holy presence dwelling with them!

2. Moses **once again intercedes** for the sinful people, so God’s glory would **REMAIN** with Israel and be **REVEALED** to Moses. Exodus 33:7-23

How Will the “I AM” God of Love Respond to the Request of His Mediator Moses?

Find out **NEXT WEEK** but for now let’s answer this question...

How Will We Respond to the “I AM” God of Love?

Will We Be Desperate for His Presence with Us or Will We Depend on Ourselves and Go It Alone?

- Like Israel**, we have a need we cannot overlook: *God’s Holy & Loving Presence Must Be with Us!*
- Like Israel**, we have a privilege we must not neglect: *Enter into God’s Holy & Loving Presence on a Daily Basis!*
- Like Israel**, we have a mission we cannot complete: *Spread the Fame of His Holy & Loving Name to All Peoples!*
- Like Israel**, we have a Mediator we must not reject: *Jesus Christ Is the One & Only Mediator Between God & All Peoples!*