

Promises and Provision

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*John 14:1-6 ... 1 “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. 4 “And you know the way where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.** (NASB95)*

Introduction

In this lesson, let us consider the various “*I am...*” statements of Jesus that are recorded in John’s Gospel (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51; 8:12, 58; 9:5; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25; 14:6, 10, 11; 15:1, 5).

*John 6:35 ... 35 Jesus said to them, “**I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.** (NASB95)*

*John 6:41 ... 41 Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, “**I am the bread that came down out of heaven.**” (NASB95)*

*John 6:48 ... 48 “**I am the bread of life.** (NASB95)*

*John 6:51 ... 51 “**I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.**” (NASB95)*

*John 8:12 ... 12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “**I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.**” (NASB95)*

*John 8:58 ... 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, **I am.**” (NASB95)*

*John 9:5 ... 5 “While I am in the world, **I am the Light of the world.**” (NASB95)*

*John 10:7 ... 7 So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep.** (NASB95)*

*John 10:9 ... 9 “**I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.** (NASB95)*

*John 10:11 ... 11 “**I am the good shepherd**; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. (NASB95)*

*John 10:14 ... 14 “**I am the good shepherd**, and I know My own and My own know Me, (NASB95)*

*John 11:25 ... 25 Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life**; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, (NASB95)*

*John 14:6 ... 6 Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life**; no one comes to the Father but through Me. (NASB95)*

*John 14:10-11 ... 10 “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. 11 “Believe Me that **I am in the Father and the Father is in Me**; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. (NASB95)*

*John 15:1 ... 1 “**I am the true vine**, and My Father is the vinedresser. (NASB95)*

*John 15:5 ... 5 “**I am the vine**, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. (NASB95)*

Sustenance

In saying “*I am the bread of life*” (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51) and “*I am the true vine*” (John 15:1, 5), Jesus promises sustenance.

*John 6:30-51 ... 30 So they said to Him, “What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform? 31 “Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.’ ” 32 Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. 33 “For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.” 34 Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.” 35 Jesus said to them, “**I am the bread of life**; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. 36 “But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. 37 “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. 38 “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 “This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. 40 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.” 41 Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, “**I am the bread that came down out of heaven.**” 42 They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down out of heaven’?” 43 Jesus answered and said to them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. 45 “It is written in the*

prophets, 'And they shall all be taught of God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me. 46 "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. 48 **"I am the bread of life.** 49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 **"I am the living bread that came down out of heaven;** if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh." (NASB95)

John 15:1-11 ... 1 **"I am the true vine,** and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. 3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. 5 **"I am the vine,** you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. 9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. 10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. (NASB95)

Enlightenment

In saying "*I am the Light of the world,*" Jesus promises enlightenment (John 8:12; 9:4-5; cf. 12:35-36).

John 8:12 ... 12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, **"I am the Light of the world;** he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." (NASB95)

John 9:4-5 ... 4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 "While I am in the world, **I am the Light of the world.**" (NASB95)

John 12:35-36 ... 35 So Jesus said to them, "For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. 36 "While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light." These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them. (NASB95)

Life

In saying “*I am the resurrection and the life,*” Jesus promises eternal life (John 11:25; cf. 14:6).

*John 11:17-27 ... 17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off; 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. 20 Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house. 21 Martha then said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 “Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life;** he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.” (NASB95)*

*John 14:6 ... 6 Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life;** no one comes to the Father but through Me. (NASB95)*

Leadership

In saying “*I am the door of the sheep,*” Jesus promises protection (John 10:7, 9). In saying “*I am the good shepherd,*” Christ also promises leadership (John 10:11, 14).

*John 10:1-18 ... 1 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. 2 “But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. 3 “To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 “When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 “A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them. 7 So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep.** 8 “All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 “**I am the door;** if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. 11 “**I am the good shepherd;** the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 “He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 “He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. 14 “**I am the good shepherd,** and I know My own and My own know Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 “I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd. 17 “For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I*

may take it again. 18 “No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.” (NASB95)

Conclusion

As a result of His miraculous works, we have reason to believe Christ’s message (John 10:22-39).

*John 10:22-39 ... 22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; 23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon. 24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, “**How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.**” 25 Jesus answered them, “**I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me.** 26 “But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. 27 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. 30 “**I and the Father are one.**” 31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?” 33 The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.” 34 Jesus answered them, “Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? 35 “If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), 36 do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘**I am the Son of God**’? 37 “If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that **the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.**” 39 Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp. (NASB95)*

Because of His relationship with the Father, Jesus can deliver on these promises (John 8:56-58; 14:8-14).

*John 8:56-58 ... 56 “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” 57 So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, **I am.**” (NASB95)*

*John 14:8-14 ... 8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. 11 “Believe Me that **I am in the Father and the Father is in Me;** otherwise believe because of the works themselves. 12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will*

do; because I go to the Father. 13 “Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 “If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. (NASB95)