

## “Future”

September 3, 2017, Exodus 3:11-15, Romans 12:9-16, Matthew 16:21-25

Que será, será  
 Whatever will be, will be  
 The future's not ours to see  
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 God’s promises are dependable and real and true. Much of the good that is happening in your life today is the result of God fulfilling his promises to your ancestors, to your antecedents. They blessings have not come out of thin air, they are the result of acts of faith and prayer from people who understood that the future is in God’s hands. The word means “things that will come into being.” Grammatically it is a tense expressing an action that has not yet happened.

God said to Moses, “this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: *when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain.*”

This is a derivative of the Hebrew verb Hayak that means “to be.” Tell them that I AM, tell them that WHAT IS TO BE is my name.

Tell them that **the future sent you**. God is our future, but the guarantee that what God plans to do rests with out willingness to act on faith. Unlike our family systems, God is not a repetition of past histories, errors, successes and mistakes. The future is about new possibilities that go beyond our present boxes and lines.

*Now they may say to me, ‘What is His name?’ What shall I say to them?” 14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”*

The only sign that the people of God need or will ever get from God is “The Future.” The proof will not be in miraculous signs: “People will know that God is who God says God is from the results. You will know that God has sent you when as a result of **your going where sent and doing what God has convinced you to do**, people will be free, people will be healed, people will be made whole, and life for them will change. You will know who God is and that God is with you in the process of co-creating with God “what will be/what is becoming.”

The future is not in our hands. Peter resisted the future that God had outlined for Jesus. The One we call “I AM” had already revealed the Christ in Jesus of Nazareth, but in the future it would be manifested in the resurrection. Jesus had to accept the cross, if God was to raise him as the Christ. The Christ, the new human

being had to be fully manifested. Human self-preservation was antithetical and out of the question. We must trust God's future for us, even when it seems as if that future is taking us in the wrong direction.

The future is in God's hands. Thanks be to God who we will recognize on the other side of freedom. Amen.