

The Seven I AM Statments

“I AM the Light of the World”

John 8:1-18

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Introduction:

- **Exodus 3:13-14**
 - YHWH – Tetragrammaton pronounced Yahweh – The Self-Existing One.
 - **John 8:1-18**
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1. The Darkness of Legalism:

a. **John 8:1-11**

b. Spiritual Darkness of three areas:

- i. Sin
- ii. Legalism
- iii. Liberalism

c. The only way to keep yourself out of these things is Jesus, the Light of the World.

d. The Darkness of Sin:

i. **Genesis 3:8-13**

ii. Think about what sin has marred in our lives:

1. Relationships – **Romans 3:23 ... Romans 6:23**

e. The Darkness of Legalism:

i. The Bible is very clear that God wants things done a certain way. If we try to do it a different way, isn't that wrong? Absolutely it is ... BUT ... that isn't legalism.

ii. So, what is legalism:

1. It is a person or a group of people developing what they believe scripture says and then demanding that you follow that standard or you will face the penalty of Hell!

iii. Several verse on how we should love and forgive a repentant person:

1. **Micah 6:8**
2. **2nd Corinthians 2:7-8**
3. **Matthew 6:14-15**
4. **Colossians 3:12-14**
5. **John 7:40-48**

iv. The Darkness of Liberalism:

1. Liberalism says that you can live anyway you want and God will be okay with it. It is the removal of all standards.

2. Legalism will drive a person away from the gospel ... Liberalism will cause a person to abandon the Bible because it doesn't fit their thinking or lifestyle.

v. **John 8:5-6** ... Jesus bends down and writes on the ground.

vi. Do you ever wonder what He wrote? I know I sure do. In my mind you know what I can see Him writing, “*For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*” ... Just a thought.

2. The Light of the World:

- a. **John 8:12**
- b. **Genesis 1:1-4**
- c. Until God spoke, there was:
 - i. Disorder
 - ii. Formlessness
 - iii. Emptiness
- d. But when God speaks His Word – Light cuts through the darkness:
 - i. Order replaces Disorder
 - ii. Form replaces Formlessness
 - iii. Emptiness is filled with the presence of God.
- e. When this young lady is brought to Jesus, He sees the destruction of Sin:
- f. The Deep Darkness of Sin twist peoples thinking:
 - i. Adultery
 - ii. Legalism – **Philippians 4:4-7**
 - iii. Liberalism
- g. **Matthew 7:21-23**
- h. Jesus came to Shed Light:
- i. **1st John 1:5-7**
- j. **Luke 24:46**

3. Judgment of Man -vs- God:

- a. **John 8:9-11**
- b. People tend to judge based on how they feel.
 - i. The Legalist
 - ii. The Liberal
 - iii. The World

