

HINENI IN SACRED SCRIPTURE

Hebrew for, "Here I am. I am all in."

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After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am (**Hineini**)."² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ... Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am (**Hineini**)., my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ...¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am (**Hineini**)."¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." (Gen. 22:1-2, 7, 11-12)

And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am (**Hineni**)."³ (Gen. 37:13).

And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here am I (**Hineni**)."³ Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt; for I will there make of you a great nation. (Gen. 46:2-3).

When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here am I (**Hineni**)."

Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel," and he said, "Here I am! (**Hineni**)."

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! (**Hineini**) Send me." (Is. 6:8)

Therefore my people shall know my name; therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here am I. (**hineni**)" (Is. 52:6)

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am (**Hineni**), here I am (**hineni**)," to a nation that did not call on my name. Is 65:1).

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.⁷ Then I said, “Here I am (**Hinei**); in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.” (Ps. 40:6-8).

Then Mary said, ‘Here am I (**Hinei**), the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her. (Lk. 1:38).

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ He answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ (**Hinei. I am here. Adoni**)¹¹ The Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. (Ac. 9:10-11).

Jesus said,

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.” (Jn. 10:27)

*God was looking for Adam to respond, **Hineni** to his call, but tragically did not hear it. –* But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”¹⁰ He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” (Gen. 3:9-10).

God seeks those persons who give their hearts to Him and are all in.

The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart; and the Lord has appointed him to be ruler over his people. (1 Sam. 13:14).