

Emmanuel-God With Us

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In this little message, I wish to convey the following reminders of how God is with us. We need to be reminded of the aspects of the residence of God in our lives.

The Bible states that we are the **temple of God** and that He does not dwell in a building made of human hands. In the Old Testament God's plan was to dwell with men and be in them, and have His law written on their /our hearts. This thread is all throughout the Word of God.

[1 Corinthians 3:16](#)

Do you not know that you are the **temple** of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

[Psalm 11:4](#)

The LORD is in His holy **temple**, The LORD's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

The fullness of the Godhead dwells within us, the Word of God states.

In the Scriptures it states in [Deuteronomy 31:6, 8](#): "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor **forsake** you.

"And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor **forsake** you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

We can trust in the fact that if you & I have received Jesus Christ as our personal Lord & Savior, He will carry us through, walk us through, and deliver us from the trials, tribulations, and testings that we may encounter at work, at home, at church, and even in life. Jesus is Lord of our lives, if we let Him be. He is in control of every situation & aspect of our lives. He knows beforehand what we have to face every single day. He is our Savior & Redeemer. He is the King of Kings and ruler over everything. He is the Creator of the universe.

He knew you before the foundations of the world.

[Jeremiah 1:5a](#)

" Before I formed you in the womb I **knew** you; Before you were born I sanctified you;"

He knew you when you were in the wilderness, lost, and crying out for help.

[Hosea 13:5](#)

I **knew** you in the wilderness, In the land of great drought.

Isn't that wonderful that He knows all about us, and what is going on every minute in our lives?

God strengthens & empowers us.

[Philippians 4:13](#)

I can do all things through Christ who **strengthens** me.

God is mighty in you. We need to allow Him complete control.

[2 Corinthians 13:3](#)

since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who **is not** weak toward you, but **mighty** in you.

It is essentially the Spirit of God who does it all.

[Zechariah 4:6](#)

So he answered and said to me: “ This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘ **Not** by **might** nor by **power**, but by My Spirit,’ Says the LORD of hosts.

Therefore, press into Him. Seek Him; pray in faith believing. Listen to His voice. He will guide and direct you. He is a faithful God. He will answer you. Obey Him.

Jesus is our **gift from God**. God has freely given to us Himself, plus other gifts. He wants to bless our life with His presence and His favor.

[1 Corinthians 2:12](#)

Now we have received, **not** the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who **is** from God, that we **might** know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

[Psalms 16:11](#)

You will show me the path of life; **In Your presence is fullness of joy**; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

He **gives His beloved rest**. We are His beloved. Rest in His arms.

[Psalms 127:2](#)

It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives **His beloved** sleep.

[Isaiah 57:2](#)

He shall **enter into** peace; They shall **rest** in their beds, Each one walking in **his** uprightness.

[Deuteronomy 33:12a](#)

“The **beloved** of the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him, Who shelters him all the day long; “

Let us trust Him and **enter into His rest**. When you cast all of your cares on Him completely, you will rest in the belief of knowing that He will care for you and be with you forever.

Let us encourage one another with His Words. May God pour out His love and peace upon you & yours at this time of Christmas. God is truly with us!

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