

GOD'S PRESENCE

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When our spiritual eyes can see the presence of God in our life by faith, our problems will be solved; our worries gone; and our needs supplied—all by a believing trust on Him. Trusting God will answer the questions we have, and give deliverance from any trouble we are facing. When we know that God is by our side, we will ask Him in faith, and receive what He promises.

God is with us just as real as if we could see Him standing there. It is impossible for us to get away from His presence. God is with us in the presence of the Holy Spirit and at our side and service every

moment. When we fully take that to heart, we will then realize what Romans 8:31 means; “If God be for us, who can be against us?”

Emmanuel means God with us—He knows everything and can do anything. His Holy Spirit is here, by our side, every moment to inspire faith in us to believe that God has the power to heal; to supply; change; or create anything—He wants to do these things for us, but we have to believe and trust Him to do them. John 1:14, “The Word came in the flesh, and lived for a time in our midst.”

The presence of God should bring change to our life. God visited earth; paid for our sins on the cross; and gave the Gift of His Spirit—Who inspires faith in us—so we can pray personally to Him as our

Father in Heaven and receive His gifts of protection, provisions, and peace.

God’s presence is very encouraging, but Satan tries to hide that truth from us so he can hinder our receiving the benefits of having the presence of God with us. Knowing that God is here on earth, in the presence of His Holy Spirit, enables us to communicate with Him and to see manifestations of His power.

The angel announced in Matthew 1:23 “They shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” Knowing that God is with us should eliminate any lack in us.

A believer has Emmanuel—God with us—One who created the universe and who promises to do everything for us—if we will believe and trust Him.

His presence is active, but many make Him inactive, by ignoring Him and seeking help from other sources. Nevertheless, we can make His presence active again, by trusting Him in faith again and taking advantage of His presence and power.

When we come to the spiritual realization that God really is with us, right by our side, and not a long distance from us, we will have confidence to ask Him to do for us just what He has promised. God’s presence is not for some future time, but He is for this present moment. 2 Corinthians 6:2 “Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

God wants to counsel us and teach us, but He cannot do that against our will; He wants to save us from our sins, but He cannot do that if we are not willing to trust Him. God is merciful under all conditions and circumstances and cannot do anything else than to be merciful to us. God wants to teach us personally, He wants us to trust in His Atonement sacrifice for everything in our life, but He needs us to have a willing heart, a heart that is ready to listen, to learn, and to trust Him in faith.

God wants to help us make scriptural choices—but we need to take the time to meditate on the Scriptures, so we can understand the principle of trust in Him by the enlightenment of His Spirit—that is what the Christian life is all about. The Scriptures are God speaking directly to us about the situation we are facing at that moment

God’s presence means that He is close by to take care of what needs to be corrected, healed, or supplied. He has always been here from the time His Son said Matthew 28:20 “I am with you always, even to the end of the world,” but sin can hide His presence when we are not aware of it. God is not far from the worst sinner, just as He is not far from any one of us, but the sinner does not receive any benefit of God’s presence—since they do not claim their Atonement rights in faith.

The most valuable knowledge that there can be, is knowing that God is present with us, by His Spirit within us; He is loving and caring and waiting to do things for us when we place our full faith and trust in Him. His presence takes care of all our problems; the victory over all oppression; the supply of every need; the divine wisdom to decide scripturally, and the guarantee of eternal life.

Jesus prayed John 17:25, “Righteous Father, though the world has failed to recognize Thee, I have known Thee, and these have perceived that Thou didst send me.” True religion consists of truly knowing God and being willing to trust Him for everything. As Ephesians 4:6 tells us, there is “One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Many may seem devoted in worshipping God, but they may not know or believe that God’s power is ready to do things for them. Many seem sincere concerning their faith in God, but they may not have trusted Him in faith for anything. Many profess to be a believer on the outside, but often have not believed God in faith, from the heart. God is

all-powerful and ready to deliver anyone who will trust Him in faith.

Having the presence of God will draw serious opposition from the devil. Satan does not want us to know of God's presence—because His presence means He is here to deliver; heal; supply our needs and change our attitudes. Anyone can appear righteous and sound like a Christian, but still not know, nor trust God to do things for them.

2 Timothy 3:5 tells us, In the last days, false Christians “will keep up a make-believe of piety and yet live in defiance of its power. Turn away from people of this sort.”

We are to go into our room, get on our knees, and confess our sins to God—admitting our unbelief, and that we have not really trusted Him in faith. We should ask God to reveal His presence and His power in our life, and to inspire real faith in us, so we can claim our Atonement rights in Christ Jesus.

As Mighty God, Jesus has unlimited power that can do far more for us than we could think or need. Ephesians 3:20-21 “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding, abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” It is to bring glory to God—and never to ourselves or anyone else.

When we get to know God's great heart of love, we will also know of God's great power that is ready to work for us. We will be confident that God will do anything, if we will trust Him in faith to do it.

God asked Abraham in Genesis 18:14 “Is any thing too hard for the LORD?” The apostle wrote Romans 4:21, that Abraham was “absolutely convinced that God was able to do anything he promised.” And also in Job 42:2, “I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.”

There are many who say they worship God but are not enjoying His blessings. Satan hides the real God from them, in order to rob them of God's spiritual, physical, and financial blessings in this life. The devil has no right to rob the believer of God's gifts. If our faith is the size of a mustard seed, Jesus says that His Father would do amazing things. 1 John 3:8 “The Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

The idolatrous Athenians were told about the true God who would do incredible things for them—if they would believe and trust Him. Acts 17:24-25 “God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.”

He told them it is the Almighty God who gives us blessings every day—and who wants to give us many more—if we will trust Him in faith, and not allow Satan to rob us through unbelief. The apostle said in Acts 17:27, God did all those miracles “so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.”

(verses 30-31) “In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead”—so now it is our responsibility to believe and trust God.

Whether we take advantage of it or not, the divine power of God is still ready to do things—any time; every hour; and for anything. We may not give Him anything to do; and we may ignore Him by choice; but He is there just the same, and He is ready to do all things all the time.

God is on earth in the presence of His Spirit, and He is ready to do things for those who will believe and act in faith. We should not let prayers go by default. God's power is ready to work, if we are ready to believe. Ephesians 1:19-20, “I pray that you will begin to understand the incredible greatness of his power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand.”

What a privilege it is; and what an opportunity we have to enjoy all the blessings provided for us—healing by faith; victory over temptation; divine wisdom by request; protection from harm; and so many other blessings that God wants to give to us for free—to those who are willing to trust Him in faith to the very end. His Name Emmanuel, God with us, now it is all our choice.

As the Everlasting Father, Jesus will always be there for us—and way into the future, because His power is from everlasting to everlasting, never a time that He is not with us and He will never forsake us—and He tells us, as He told Joshua in Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.” God will always guide us through—whatever we are going through.

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