

“God IS With Us!!”

Joshua 3-4; Psalm 46:1-11; Hebrews 9-10; Revelation 21:1-4



Introduction: As you read through the history of the book of Joshua, you see God’s presence and power being displayed over and over again.

Psalm 23:1-6: “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD FOREVER!”

The presence of God with His people is the center point of our salvation!

I. God’s presence with His people during the “Old Covenant” ...

The rest of the Old Testament, from Genesis 12 forward, covers the history of God’s dealing with Abraham and his descendants, the people of Israel.

The New Testament covers the history of Gods’ people from the birth of Christ through the pouring out of the Spirit and the growth of the early Church.

Another word for “testament” is “Covenant.”

From the time of their exodus from Egypt, through their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, God revealed His presence with the people of Israel in a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night.

Exodus 13:17-22, 40:38:

The central item in the Tabernacle was the “Ark of the Covenant.”

The Ark was placed behind a thick curtain in the Most Holy Place.

It was the Ark of the Covenant that the priests carried as the people of Israel entered the promised land, crossing through the Jordan river.

Joshua 3:3-6, 10-13:

Psalm 46:1-11: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ... The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress!” (vss. 1,11).

II. God’s presence with His people during the “New Covenant” ...

Jeremiah 31:31-34: “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (vs. 33).

Ezekiel 36:25-27, 37:21-28:

The “day of salvation” (**II Corinthians 6:2**) refers to the time between Jesus’ ascension and His return.

II Corinthians 3:1-6, 16-18:

In the “NEW covenant,” Jesus Christ takes the central place, as He is exalted to the right hand of the Father and given authority over all things for His Church, the “called-out assembly.”

Ephesians 2:11-12:

Hebrews 8:1-7, 13: “In speaking of a new covenant, He makes the first one obsolete.”

Hebrews 9:1-8, 11-15: “HE (Christ) entered once for all into the holy places ... by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption” (vs. 12).

Hebrews 9:23-28:

Romans 8:1-4: The Spirit of Christ regenerates the human spirit that was dead in sin and makes us alive in Christ!! (Ephesians 2:1-6).

Colossians 1:27:

Through the testimony of the Holy Spirit you can KNOW that God is WITH you, because He now lives WITHIN you by His Spirit!

Hebrews 10:11-18 ... 19-25: “... let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith ...” (vs. 22).

I Peter 1:13-19

As you think about God’s presence with you today, don’t miss the present benefits of being one of God’s children NOW!

Philippians 4:4; James 4:8; I Peter 5:6-7:

III. The presence of God with His people during ETERNITY!!!

Revelation 21:1-4: “The dwelling place of God is with man!” (vs. 3).