

EMMANUEL – GOD WITH US!

Matthew 1:23

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, GOD WITH US.”

Matthew emphasizes the interpretation of the name in order to bring out the fact that this Son would not only be Jesus, the Savior, but also Emmanuel, GOD WITH US.

In Isaiah it is spelled with an “I”.
In Matthew it is spelled with an “E”.

If you are reading in the OT and translating from *Hebrew* into English, you would transliterate with the letter “I” for the word “Immanuel.”

If you are reading in the NT from Matthew, you would translate from *Greek* to English and use the letter “E” for the title “Emmanuel.”

**Whether “Emmanuel”
is spelled with the letter “I”
or the letter “E”,
they both mean the same thing;
and that is, “*God with us.*”**

**From the very beginning,
God wanted an intimate and loving
relationship with His creation.**

**Throughout the Word
you will find the genius of the ages
applying the highest skills and
expending the strongest energies
in order to provide man
with the very best
which God can cause to be.**

STOP! WAIT! Thought changes!

**Then something happened that drastically hindered
the desired relationship.
Satan sabotaged
God’s relationship with man and
man’s relationship with God.**

**But, in eternity past, PRAISE GOD!
there was an “Emmanuel”
standing ready to
bridge the gap;
and one day,
“God with us” became reality.**

**Divinity and humanity came together
in a oneness and unity.**

**It happened because of the concept called
“Incarnation.”**

**Now, the word “*Incarnation*” is not in Scripture,
but the idea is there;
because -
it is from the Latin word,
“*Incarne*” meaning “in flesh,”
and from the Greek word “*En/sarke*”
which is in the Scriptures and
means “*enfleshment*.”**

**The Incarnation =
God became a man
in the person of Jesus,
subject to all the needs,
the limitations, and
the sensations of human life.**

In Christ,
God looks at us with human eyes,
speaks to us in an earthly tongue,
touches us with a brother's hand.

He is “God with us” –

The virgin-born is the King,
and he is “God with us” – Emmanuel.

He looked upon us,
who were infinitely beneath him,
and desired to bring us up to his level.

He saw that the only way to do this
was to become one of us;
and
share with us in everything except sin.

He was, and is, EMMANUEL – GOD WITH US!

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION!

It's time for you to testify that God has been with YOU
at all times,
in all circumstances,
throughout your entire walk of faith.

EXPLAIN.

**I. IF GOD WAS WITH YOU
WHEN YOU NEEDED SALVATION,
PLEASE STAND.**

(1st one standing, read 1st Scripture, and so on.)

1st. I John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

*“When I confessed my sins,
He was faithful and just
and forgave my sins,
and cleansed me from all unrighteousness.”*

2nd. “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart That God hath raised him from the dead, Thou shalt be saved.” Romans 10:9

“When I confessed with my mouth the Lord Jesus and I believed in my heart that God had raised Him from the dead - I was saved!”

3rd. Psalm 103:12

**“As far as the east is from the west,
so far hath he removed
our transgressions from us.”**

*“As far as the east is from the west,
that’s how far he has removed my
transgressions from me!”*

II. IF GOD WAS WITH YOU WHEN YOU NEEDED COMFORT, please stand.

4th. Matthew 28:20

**Jesus said, “Lo, I am with you always,
Even unto the end of the world.”**

5th. Isaiah 66:13

**“As one whom his mother comforteth,
So will I comfort you.”**

6th. II Corinthians 1:3,4

**“Blessed be God, even the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and
the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in
all our tribulation, that we may be able to
comfort them which are in any trouble, by the
comfort wherewith we ourselves are
comforted of God.”**

III. IF GOD WAS WITH YOU WHEN YOU NEEDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (money), please stand.

- 7th. Psalm 23:1
“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.”
- 8th. Philippians 4:19
“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

IV. IF GOD WAS WITH YOU WHEN YOU NEEDED PEACE, please stand.

- 9th. Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you ... Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27
- 10th. “I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.” Psa. 4:8
- 11th. “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.” Isa. 26:3

V. IF GOD WAS WITH YOU WHEN YOU NEEDED DIRECTION, please stand.

- 12th. **Psalm 32:8**
**God said, “I will instruct thee and
teach thee in the way which thou
shalt go: I will guide thee w/mine eye.”**
- 13th. **Proverbs 8:20**
**“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart:
and lean not unto thine own under-
standing. In all thy ways acknowledge
Him, and he shall direct thy paths.”**
- 14th. **Isaiah 30:21**
**“And thine ears shall hear a word behind
thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in
it, when ye turn to the right hand,
and when ye turn to the left.”**

**VI. IF GOD WAS WITH YOU WHEN YOU
NEEDED REST, please stand.**

- 15th. **Hebrews 4:9**
“There is a rest to the people of God.”
- 16th. **Proverbs 3:24**
**“When thou liest down, thou shalt not be
afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down,
and thy sleep shall be sweet.”**

**VII. IF GOD WAS WITH YOU WHEN YOU WERE
DEPRESSED, please stand.**

- 17th. Psalm 30:5
“Weeping may endure for a night,
but joy cometh in the morning.”
- 18th. Psalm 147:3
“He (God) heals the broken in heart,
and binds up their wounds.”
- 19th. Isaiah 40:31
“They that wait upon the Lord shall
renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as
eagles; they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk, and not faint.”

**VIII. IF GOD WAS WITH YOU WHEN YOU
FELT FORSAKEN, please stand.**

- 20th. I Peter 5:7
“Cast all your care upon Him;
For He cares for you.”
- 21st. Psalm 9:10
“And they that know your name will
put their trust in you; for you, Lord,
have not forsaken those who seek you.”

**IX. IF GOD WAS WITH YOU WHEN YOU
FELT LIKE GIVING UP, please stand.**

- 22nd. Hebrews 10:23
 “Let us hold fast the profession of
 our faith without wavering;
 for He is faithful that promised.”
- 23rd. Romans 8:37
 “‘We are more than conquerors
 through Him that loved us!’”
- 24th. Habakkuk 3:19
 “‘The Lord God is my strength, and
 He will make my feet like hinds’ feet,
 and he will make me to walk upon
 the high places.’”

**X. IF GOD WAS WITH YOU WHEN WERE
WORRIED, please stand.**

- 25th. I Peter 5:7
 “‘Cast all your care upon Him;
 for He careth for you.’”
- 26th. Psalm 91:1,2
 “‘He that dwelleth in the secret place of
 the most High shall abide under the
 Shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the
 Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress;
 my God; in Him will I trust.’”

27th. Psalm 92:13-15
**“Because he has set his love upon me,
therefore will I deliver him; I will set him
on high, because he has known my name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer
him: I will be with him in trouble:
I will deliver him, and honor him.”**

ALTAR CALL

**God is with us –
with us to redeem,
to cleanse,
to regenerate,
to sanctify.**

**He is with us always,
even to the end of the world,
ready to hear our prayer,
ready to help us,
ready to save us even to the uttermost;**

**It doesn't really matter
what the schemes of our enemies are.
Their schemes and plans will come to naught.**

**It doesn't matter how many people
have aligned themselves with our enemies.**

**It doesn't matter about their might,
their numbers,
their armour,
or their equipment.
All will come to nothing when God is with us.**

**His wings will cover us;
and His strong arms will uphold us,
because HE IS WITH US.!**

**It seems incomprehensible
that Deity would deliberately desire to be our friend.**

**You might even ask:
“Why did He create man
in His own image and in His own likeness?”**

**Answer:
He wanted an everlasting love relationship.
He wanted a continuing intimate fellowship.**

**The only thing
that can keep you out of that circle
of love and fellowship
is SIN –
the power of Satan –
the powers of this world.**

**Satan wants to separate us.
He wants to keep you out of the family of God,
out of church,
separated from any and all Christian influences.**

**He does not want us having
the kind of feelings
which we have at Christmastime,
when families get together and
there is love,
respect,
appreciation, and
trust for one another, and
you can count on one another.**

Satan does not like that.

BUT, LISTEN AGAIN to our text:

**“And thou shall call his name Emmanuel, which
being interpreted is God with us.”**

That’s your promise!

Your prophesy!

You can claim it

**by believing that Jesus is the promised Savior
and that He came to save YOU!**

When that happens you are no longer alone!

God will be with you –

fighting for you in the battles of life.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY:

**I don't understand fully,
and certainly cannot explain,
what has been happening to Pastor and to me
in the past three months –
but this one thing I am very sure of –
WE HAVE NOT BEEN ALONE!
GOD HAS BEEN WITH US!**

**NOT ONE TEAR HAS BEEN SHED
THAT HE DID NOT GATHER UP
IN HIS BOTTLE OF REMEMBRANCE,
as recorded in**

Psalm 56:8

**“You have seen me tossing and turning through the night. You have collected
all my tears and preserved them in your bottle! You have recorded every one
in your book!”**

**NOT ONE PRAYER WAS PRAYED
THAT DID NOT FIND ITS WAY
INTO HIS GOLDEN BOWL FULL OF INCENSE
WHICH HOLDS THE PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE,
as recorded in**

Revelation 5:8 **“(The 24 elders are holding individual) vials, or golden
bowls, full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people – the saints.”**

**I am sure that “goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life ...” Psalm 23:6
Do you want g & m to follow you?
Do you want to know for sure that God is w/u?
That assurance begins when you accept JC as Lord and
Savior.**