



GOD WITH US

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One of the joys of being a born again Christian is the truth that God is with us. Only born again believers in Christ have this privilege.

The angel in announcing the coming of Jesus to this world said, "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us". (Matthew 1:23.)

Jesus said to the believers with Him, "On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you." (John 14:20).

Colossians 1:27 tells us, "To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**"

I suggest you meditate on this. **God is both with us and in us by His Holy Spirit.**

In Daniel's day, both he and his three companions really believed that God was with them.

King Nebuchadnezzar had made a law that when the people heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, with all kinds of music, that they should fall down and worship an image which he had set up. He ordered that whoever did not fall down and worship should be immediately cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

The three young men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had been brought as captives from Jerusalem to Babylon. They refused to bow down to Nebuchadnezzar's gods. They said that God was able to deliver them from the burning fiery furnace and from the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. They said that even if God did not do so they would not serve his gods nor worship the golden image that he had set up.

Nebuchadnezzar then ordered that they be thrown into the furnace. The men who threw them in were themselves killed because the furnace was so hot. The three men fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counsellors, **"Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?"** They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."
"Look!" He answered, **"I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son Of God."**
Nebuchadnezzar then spoke to the men and told them to come out of the fire. Everybody then saw that **the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.**

The king then ordered that anybody who spoke against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would be cut in pieces and their houses made an ash heap because as he said, "There is no other God who can deliver like this."
(Daniel 3.)

Those three young men had faith that God would not desert them.

Maybe you are going through a terrible trial at this time whether it be sickness, disease of any kind, poverty, unemployment, family problems or whatever. **God has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. (Hebrews 13:5)**
He will not allow us to be tempted/tested beyond what we are able to bear but with the temptation/trial He will make a **way of escape** so that we are able to bear it. (1 Corinthians 10:13.)

"And we know that **all things work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28).

"Cast your burden on the Lord and He shall sustain you." (Psalm 55:22.)

Jesus promised to send us the Helper the Holy Spirit to be with us at all times. (John 14:16-18.)

Why don't you get on your knees now and ask God to show you any barriers that exist between you and Him. If He reveals by the Holy Spirit any sin or unbelief on your part which could be grieving Him confess it now and repent from it.

Tell Him that you love Him and begin to receive His love into your heart. As you do this and raise your hands in surrender the **presence of the Holy Spirit** will surround you and **comfort and strength you.** Now make your request for healing or deliverance from any situation that is troubling you and believe that God is listening.

Think of the three young men who were thrown into the fire by the heathen

king because they would not deny the Lord. He was with them. **He is with you and in you.** Expect to know the anointing of the Holy Spirit to be upon you. **Thank Him** for the answer to your prayer before you see it. This is faith.

Remember to **persist in prayer.** Jesus gave the example of the persistent widow who kept asking the judge to avenge her. Finally the judge said he would do so because the widow continued to trouble him. Jesus said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though he bears long with them. I tell you that He will avenge them speedily." (Luke 18:6-8)

God will answer your prayer. Remember God is in you and walking beside you. He will never leave you nor forsake you.

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. (1 John 5:14-15.)

Immanuel. God with us!

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