

Immanuel – God With Us

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The name Immanuel only occurs 3 times in most English translations of scripture, and yet the Bible is full of the principle of “God with us”. The goal of this study is to identify some of the ways that God is with us and how that makes a difference in our lives. Since many of the “God with us” verses do not use that specific wording, this study will look at four types of verses that address the subject. They are as follows:

1. Verses that specifically use “God with us” terminology
2. Verses that exhort people to not fear because of God’s presence with them
3. Verses that describe the role of the Holy Spirit to enable God to be with us in our lives
4. Verses that describe how “God in us” helps us to grow in our spiritual lives

- 1. God told many people in both the Old and New Testaments that he would be with them. Listed below are some example verses. For each verse, note who is experiencing God’s presence. Then, write down 1) what benefit God’s presence was providing for that person and 2) how it applies to you. The first one has been done as an example.**

Genesis 26:24 And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, “I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for **I am with you** and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake.”

Person Experiencing God’s Presence: Isaac

Benefit for them: Because of his promise to Abraham, God protected Isaac and blessed him in many ways, including giving him many descendants

Application for me: Since I am God’s child, I can expect him to be with me to protect me physically and spiritually, and to bless me as a good father would want to bless his children.

Genesis 28:15 Behold, **I am with you** and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Person Experiencing God’s Presence: Jacob

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Exodus 3:12 He said, “But **I will be with you**, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

Person Experiencing God’s Presence: Moses

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Exodus 33:14 And he said, “***My presence will go with you***, and I will give you rest.”

Person Experiencing God’s Presence: Moses and the Israelites

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Exodus 33:16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in ***your going with us***, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?

Person Experiencing God’s Presence: Moses and the Israelites

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Leviticus 26:11-12 I will set My Tabernacle among you, and My soul will not abhor you. ***I will walk among you*** and will be your God, and you will be My people.

Person Experiencing God’s Presence: The Israelites

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Deuteronomy 2:7 For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He knows your going through this great wilderness. These forty years ***the LORD your God has been with you***. You have lacked nothing.”

Person Experiencing God’s Presence: The Israelites

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Deuteronomy 20:1 “When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for ***the LORD your God is with you***, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Person Experiencing God’s Presence: The Israelites

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Deuteronomy 20:4 ...for the LORD your God is **he who goes with you** to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.

Person Experiencing God's Presence: The Israelites

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Deuteronomy 31:23 And the LORD commissioned Joshua the son of Nun and said, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to give them. **I will be with you.**"

Person Experiencing God's Presence: Joshua

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Joshua 1:5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. **Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.**

Person Experiencing God's Presence: Joshua

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for **the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.**

Person Experiencing God's Presence: Joshua

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

1 Chronicles 28:20 Then David said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous and do it. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for **the LORD God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you,** until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.

Person Experiencing God's Presence: Solomon

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for ***I am with you***; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Person Experiencing God's Presence: People of Judah

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Jeremiah 46:28 Fear not, O Jacob my servant, declares the LORD, for I am with you. I will make a full end of all the nations to which I have driven you, but of you I will not make a full end. I will discipline you in just measure, and I will by no means leave you unpunished."

Person Experiencing God's Presence: People of Judah who had gone to Egypt to escape the Babylonians

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, ***I am with you always***, to the end of the age.

Person Experiencing God's Presence: The Disciples

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, ***to be with you forever***, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for ***he dwells with you and will be in you***.

Person Experiencing God's Presence: The Disciples

Benefit for them: _____

Application for me: _____

2. One of the primary ways the Bible discusses God being with us is in the context of our fears. For each passage below, note who was afraid or in danger of being afraid. Then identify 1) how God's presence was supposed to help in overcoming fear and 2) the application for you. The first one has been done for you as an example.

Numbers 14:9 Only do not rebel against the LORD. And **do not fear** the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; **do not fear** them.

Person Experiencing Fear: The Israelites who had decided not to enter the promised land due to fear

Principle for them: God's presence removed the enemies' protection, and it's implied that he strengthened his people

Application for me: When God commands us to do something (like them going into the land), he will supernaturally enable us to do it.

Deuteronomy 20:1 "When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, **you shall not be afraid** of them, for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Person Experiencing Fear: The Israelites getting ready to go into the promised land

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. **Do not fear or be in dread** of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

Person Experiencing Fear: Joshua getting ready to lead the Israelites into the promised land

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Joshua 1:6-9 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go... Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. **Do not be frightened**, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Person Experiencing Fear: Joshua getting ready to lead the Israelites into the promised land

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **I will fear no evil**, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Person Experiencing Fear: David

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; **whom shall I fear?** The LORD is the stronghold of my life; **of whom shall I be afraid?**

Person Experiencing Fear: David

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Psalm 46:2 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore **we will not fear** though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Person Experiencing Fear: Sons of Korah

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Psalm 56:3,4,11 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you... In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; **I shall not be afraid**. What can flesh do to me? ... in God I trust; **I shall not be afraid**. What can man do to me?

Person Experiencing Fear: David

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Isaiah 41:10,13-14 **Fear not**, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand... For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "**Fear not**, I am the one who helps you. **Fear not**, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I am the one who helps you," declares the LORD; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

Person Experiencing Fear: People of Judah

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Isaiah 43:1 But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "***Fear not***, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

Person Experiencing Fear: People of Judah

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Isaiah 51:12 "I, I am he who comforts you; ***who are you that you are afraid*** of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass..."

Person Experiencing Fear: People of Judah

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Matthew 10:31 ***Fear not***, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Person Experiencing Fear: Disciples

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Mark 4:40-41 He said to them, "***Why are you so afraid***? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Person Experiencing Fear: Disciples

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

Luke 12:32 ***Fear not***, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Person Experiencing Fear: Disciples

Principle for them: _____

Application for me: _____

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, ***neither let them be afraid.***

Person Experiencing Fear: Disciples

Principle for them:

Application for me:

2Timothy 1:7 ...for God gave us ***a spirit not of fear*** but of power and love and self-control.

Person Experiencing Fear: Timothy

Principle for them:

Application for me:

3. If we are believers, Jesus is with us and in us through the Holy Spirit. In the following passages, identify the benefits we receive from this special relationship.

John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:21,23 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him... If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 15:4-5 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 16:12-13 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

John 17:21 ...that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

4. Jesus in us enables us to grow spiritually and live as he wants us to. For each passage below, identify the ways in which Jesus in us helps us in this way.

Ephesians 1:15-19 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

Ephesians 3:14-19 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ...that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:9-11 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.
