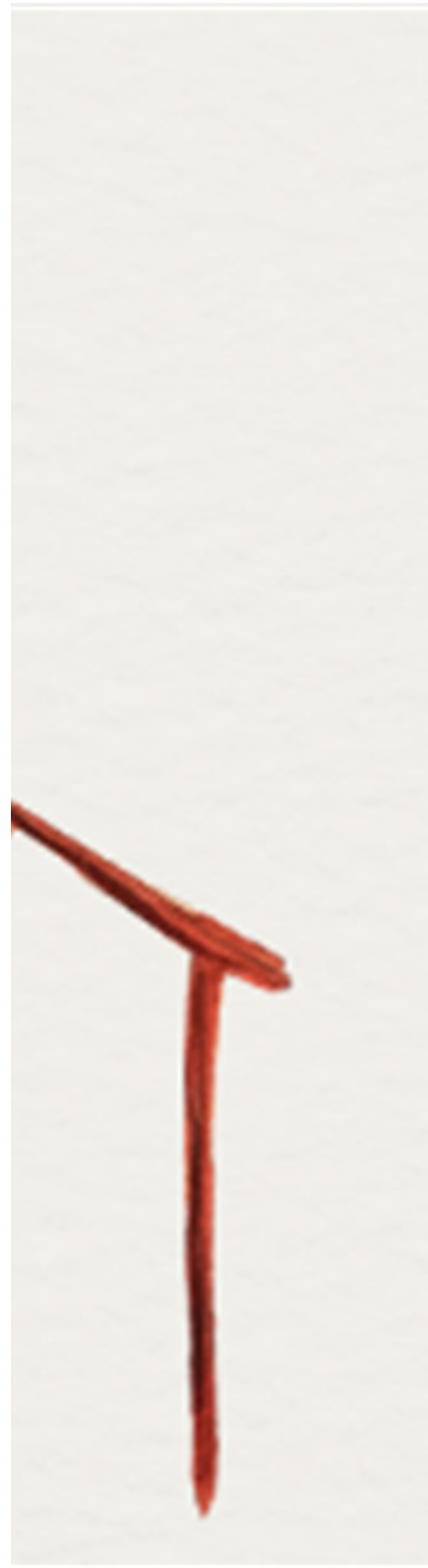


Grace So  
Amazing  
is with us this  
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IMMANUEL  
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Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall **call his name Immanuel.**

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.**

❖ The Incarnation, simply defined, is wrapped in the swaddling clothes of Emmanuel – Jn. 1:14.

John 1:14 And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.



This morning, we consider the fulfilled prophecy of Isa. 7:14 as it announced in Mt. 1:23, the birth of Jesus and His name as “Immanuel.” The realization of this title should give the believer comfort and courage throughout days either good or bad. The literal meaning of Immanuel is exactly what Matthew explained in 1:23: “God with us.” The practical understanding, though, is much, much more. “God with us” doesn’t simply convey “God is nearby” or “God is passively watching.” It’s a statement of *active, dynamic involvement* in all aspects of our everyday existence. It could almost be rephrased as this: “Because God has chosen to be *with* us, it means that God is actively *for* us.” Luke 1:37 For **with God nothing shall be impossible.**



Rom. 8:31b “...If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?”

We will begin by seeing what the Bible says about “God with us.”

## I. IMMANUEL INSTILLS GRACE SO AMAZING FOR COMFORT

### A. During the Troublesome Times

Psalm 46:11 **The LORD of hosts *is with us***; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

- ❖ When times of trouble confront us, remember Immanuel – God IS with us, our refuge.



## B. During the Turbulent Times

Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: **for thou art with me**; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

- ❖ When times are so turbulent that nothing seems to comfort, remember Immanuel – God is with US. His presence should give us comfort regardless of circumstances.



## II. IMMANUEL INSPIRES GRACE SO AMAZING FOR COURAGE

A. When the Odds are Overwhelming: Remember David vs. Goliath; Joshua at Jericho.

Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for **the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.**

❖ Whenever the Lord leads us into a new ministry, or new opportunity, remember Immanuel.

Mt. 28:20b “...lo, **I am with you always**, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.”



## B. When Obedience is in Operation

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, **the Lord working with *them***, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.



### III. IMMANUEL IMPARTS GRACE SO AMAZING FOR CONTENTMENT

#### A. Contentment is Available

Hebrews 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

- ❖ Contentment accompanies those who focus  upon fellowship with Christ.





## B. Contentment is Applicable

Haggai 1:13 Then spake Haggai the LORD'S messenger in the LORD'S message unto the people, saying, **I am with you, saith the LORD.**

- ❖ Contentment is applied when repentance is made.
- ❖ Contentment is applied when priorities are reestablished in the life of the believer.

Haggai 2:4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and **be strong**, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and **be strong**, all ye people of the land, **saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:**



❖ Contentment is applied when the invitation of Jesus is accepted:

Mt. 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 **Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;** for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.



## C. Contentment is Awaiting

Jn. 14:1 **Let not your heart be troubled**: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that **where I am, there ye may be also**.

❖ Death will not be denied for each person. An appointment is waiting for everyone.

Heb. 9:27 And as **it is appointed unto men once to die**, but after this the judgment:

❖ When death is breathing upon your soul, be content that the next destination is eternity WITH Christ!



## Summary

- ❖ Comfort, courage, and contentment are connected to knowing Immanuel – “God with us.”
- ❖ Realization of fellowship with Immanuel is a refuge for the soul of the believer.



## Conclusion

Psa. 46:7 **The LORD of hosts is with us**; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah. ...

10 Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 **The LORD of hosts is with us**; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

Isa. 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, **with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit**, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

