

Our God Dwells Among Us

Introduction

From the beginning to the end of the Bible, "God has an insistent, persistent, consistent yearning to be **with** - to be **among** - **His people**." ([Randy Roberts](#))

The purpose of this study is to consider what the Sanctuary/Tabernacle/Temple of the Holy Bible tells us about our Holy God and see if the above quote is Biblically correct.

In the Garden of Eden

[Genesis 1:26-27](#) Then God said: 'Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness...' And God created man in his image, in God's image he created him; male and female he created them.

- Being made in God's image suggests intimate relationship and presence—**humanity was designed for face-to-face fellowship with their Creator.**

[Genesis 2:7-8](#) Jehovah God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life... Further, Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden... and there he put the man whom he had formed."

- God personally formed Adam and placed him in a **prepared dwelling**. This hands-on involvement shows **intimate presence**.

[Genesis 3:8](#) Later they heard the voice of Jehovah God walking in the garden about the breezy part of the day...

- This shows God's habitual practice of walking in the garden with Adam and Eve. The phrase "about the breezy part of the day" suggests this was a regular appointment, indicating **God dwelt among them** in visible, personal fellowship before sin interrupted it.
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In The Wilderness

[Exodus 25:8](#) Have the people of Israel build me {[Jehovah\(vs.1\)](#)} a holy sanctuary **so I can live among them**.

[Exodus 29:44-46](#) Yes, I will consecrate the Tabernacle and the altar, and I will consecrate Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests. 45 Then **I will live among the people** of Israel and be their God, 46 and they will know that **I am Jehovah their God**. I am the one who brought them out of the land of Egypt **so that I could live among them. I am Jehovah their God**.

[Exodus 33:14-15](#) So he {[Jehovah\(vs.12\)](#)} said: '**I myself will go with you**, and I will give you rest.' To this he {[Moses](#)} said: 'If you yourself are not going along, do not lead us up from here.'"

- Moses' passionate plea shows that **God's presence was everything**—more valuable than the Promised Land itself. God responds by promising His personal presence.

[Leviticus 26:11-13](#) **I will live among you**, and I will not despise you. 12 **I will walk among you; I will be your God**, and you will be my people. 13 **I am Jehovah your God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt...

In The Promised Land

[1 Kings 6:11-14](#) Then **Jehovah gave this message to Solomon**: 12 “Concerning this Temple you are building... 13 **I will live among the Israelites** and will never abandon my people Israel.” 14 So **Solomon finished building the Temple**.

- After this time, **much evil came into Israel** because they kept leaving Jehovah, in favor of other gods. => [Judges 2:11-15](#) *"Then the **Israelites did what was evil** in the sight of Jehovah and served the Baals. **They abandoned Jehovah**, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and **they followed other gods** from the gods of the peoples who were around them, and **they bowed down to them**, so that they offended Jehovah. **They abandoned Jehovah and served Baal...**"*
- **But did Jehovah forsake His people forever? No.**

[Ezekiel 37:26-28](#) And **I will make a covenant of peace with them**, an everlasting covenant. I will give them their land and increase their numbers, and **I will put my Temple among them forever**. 27 **I will make my home among them**. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 28 And when **my Temple is among them forever**, the nations will know that **I am Jehovah, who makes Israel holy.**”

[Psalm 132:13-14](#) For Jehovah has chosen Zion; He has desired it for **his dwelling place**: **"This is my resting-place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it."**

[Isaiah 7:14](#) (and [Matthew 1:23](#)) "Therefore Jehovah himself will give you a sign: Look! The virgin will become pregnant and will give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel." / "...which means, when translated, 'God is with us.'"

- The very name of the Messiah means "God with us"—the incarnation is the ultimate expression of **God dwelling among humanity**.

[Zechariah 2:10-11](#) 'Shout joyfully and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for here **I am coming, and I will reside in your midst**,' declares Jehovah. 'And many nations will join themselves to Jehovah in that day, and they will become my people; and **I will reside in your midst**.'

- Prophetic promise of God's future dwelling among not just Israel but all nations—bridges to the New Testament reality.

In the New Testament

[John 1:14](#) So the Word became human and **made his home among us**{or, from the Greek word *eskēnōsen*, => "tabernacled" or "pitched his tent" among us}. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of **the Father's one and only Son**.

- Now, and forever more, it is the only-born Son of Jehovah([Jn3:16](#)) who dwells among us. Jesus guarantees His perpetual presence with His followers:
 - [John 14:18](#) **I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.**
 - [Matthew 28:20](#) ... be sure of this: **I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**

[2 Corinthians 6:16](#) ... **we are the temple of the living God**. As God said: **"I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.** {-Paul quoting [Lev26:12](#); [Ez37:27](#) }

- Paul defines the identity of this "God" => [1 Corinthians 8:6](#) "... **there is one God, the Father...**" Supporting scripture => <https://sidnash.org/?1God>
- [Matthew 18:20](#) For where two or three gather together as my followers, **I am there among them**. -Jesus

[Ephesians 2:22](#) Through him **you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling** where God lives by his Spirit.

[Hebrews 13:5](#) ...For he has said: '**I will never leave you, and I will never abandon you.**'

- God's covenant promise to never abandon His people—showing His commitment to remain present through Christ.

[Revelation 7:15](#) That is why they are before the throne of God, and they are rendering him sacred service day and night in his temple; and the One seated on the throne will spread his tent over them.

- Tabernacle language ("spread his tent")—**God dwelling protectively over His redeemed people, echoing the wilderness tabernacle.**

[Revelation 21:3,22](#) I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, **God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them...** 22 I saw no temple in the city, for **the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.**

- From this, we can see that **the final and everlasting temple is the Almighty Creator and His only-born Son.**

Conclusion

God's yearning to dwell with His people is a golden thread from Genesis to Revelation - from Eden to the New Earth.

"You can know that you are the apple of God's eye - that **He yearns to live among and with you.** And that one day He will take us all home to sit down at His table. And He will say:"([Randy Roberts](#))

'Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you.' ([Matthew 25:34](#)) *'Look! I am making all things new... It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To anyone thirsting I will give from the spring of the water of life free. Anyone conquering will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be my son.'* ([Revelation 21:5-7](#))

- Regarding the phrase, "**Anyone conquering**", if you are wondering how to conquer.. this may be helpful => <https://sidnash.org/WillPower>

In [Luke 22:30](#), Jesus promises his disciples will "eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom."

[Revelation 19:9](#) "Happy are those invited to the evening meal of the Lamb's marriage."

This, my friends, is the eternal homecoming - God dwelling with his people forever.

Desiring to live by every word that comes from the mouth of Jehovah ([Deut8:3; Matt4:4](#))

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