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“Promises” (5)

“...[God] has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.” (2 Peter 1:4)

Promise of Presence

Exodus 29:46 – “And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.”

John 14:16-18 – (16) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) 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. (18) I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

Matthew 28:20 – “...And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 18:20 – “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Key Point: God is with me and God is amongst us
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Panacea via God’s Presence

Revelation 21:3-4 – (3) “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. (4) He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.’”

God's Presence Brings:

Comfort

“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,’ even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.”

(Psalm 139:7-12)

Contentment & Confidence

“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?’” (Hebrews 13:5-6)

Correction

“And when [the Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16:8)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Although God is omnipresent, am I actively engaging the manifest, special presence of God available to me by meditation, prayer, scriptures and church gatherings?

What was the “deal breaker” to Moses? (Ex. 33:1-3, 15)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)