

# 'I Am With You Always'

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*To live the God-conscious life, we must cultivate the habit of constant, unspoken prayer and experience conscious fellowship with Christ through faith, love, and obedience.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 33:18, Proverbs 15:3, Ecclesiastes 12:14, Jeremiah 17:9, Luke 12:48, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Hebrews 4:12-13, James 3:1, Revelation 1:14

**Topics:** "Divine Accountability", "Gods Omniscience"

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## Description

The preacher delves into the Greek word 'trachelizo,' which means to lay bare or open, often used figuratively to expose the deepest motives of our hearts enduringly. This term was also used to describe the bending back of an animal's neck for sacrifice or seizing an opponent by the throat, emphasizing complete exposure and powerlessness. The sermon highlights how God's Word acts as a sharp, penetrating tool that reveals our innermost thoughts and feelings, leaving no part of our being hidden from God's sight. Ultimately, we are reminded of our ultimate, final accountability before God, where we must give a personal account for our actions and thoughts, as nothing can be concealed from His all-seeing eyes.

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## Transcript

It is hardly possible to overstress the importance of unceasing inward prayer on the part of the one who would live the God-conscious life. Prayer at stated times is good and right; we will never outgrow the need of it while we remain on earth. But this kind of prayer must be supported and perfected by the habit of constant, unspoken prayer. But someone may question whether in a world like this it is possible to think of God constantly. Would it not be too great a burden to try to keep God constantly in the focus of our minds while carrying on our normal activities in this noisy and highly complex civilization?

Francois Malaval had the answer to this: "The wings of the dove do not weigh it down," he said. "They carry and support it. And so the thought of God is never a burden; it is a gentle breeze which bears us up, a hand which supports us and raises us, a light which guides us, and a spirit which vivifies us though we do not feel its working." We all know how the presence of someone we deeply love lifts our spirits and suffuses us with a radiant sense of peace and well-being. So the one who loves God supremely is lifted into rapture by His conscious Presence.

"Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord" (John 20:20). If only we would stop lamenting and look up. God is here. Christ is risen. The Spirit has been poured out from on high. All this we know as

theological truth. It remains for us to turn it into joyous spiritual experience. And how is this accomplished? There is no new technique; if it is new it is false. The old, old method still works. Conscious fellowship with Christ is by faith, love and obedience. And the humblest believer need not be without these.

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