

# Twenty-Second Day: 'Thou Art With me.'

by J. Wilbur Chapman

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of recognizing God's presence during trials and the growth that comes from suffering with Him.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 23:4, Isaiah 41:10, Romans 8:17, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 12:6

**Topics:** "Gods Presence", "Spiritual Growth"

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## Description

J. Wilbur Chapman emphasizes the shift in perspective when facing challenges, urging believers to draw closer to God in times of darkness and difficulty, addressing Him directly as a source of comfort and strength. He encourages the congregation to embrace the privilege of acknowledging God's presence by declaring 'Thou art with me,' fostering a mindset of fearlessness in the midst of trials. Chapman reminds listeners that God's refining work in our lives is purposeful, ensuring that we only face what we can endure and what is necessary for our growth and maturity.

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## Transcript

Do you notice the change in the person of the pronoun here? In other instances the Psalmist has spoken of his Lord in the third person; but now, as he comes into the shadows, he comes nearer to him; and says "Thou."

It is all very well to speak in general terms when all goes well with us; but the darkness is upon us and the heart-strings almost snap; it is better far to avail ourselves of our birthright privilege and say, "Thou art with me;" I will fear no evil.

Doubtless this day shall mean something of disappointment and trial, but the sting will be taken out of it when we remember that He is with us "whose fan is in his hand." The fan was a rude instrument used to separate the chaff from the wheat, and our Lord is dealing with us for the same reason. He will not permit more of trial than we can stand or need. Let us rejoice that the fan is not in the hands of our enemies--they would make us suffer too much, nor in the hands of our friends--for they would make it too easy, but in His who walks with us every hour of every day.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR TODAY.

1. Remember that whom the Lord loveth he chastiseth.

2. Picture Job's suffering and Paul's trials then thank God that, while you have nothing so heavy, you do have Christ,
3. Remember that if we suffer with him, we shall also share in his glory. Then thank God for trial.

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