

# The Happy Man 01 God With and for Us

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*God is with us, for us, and in us, and we can trust Him to work everything out for our good and His glory.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker begins by discussing the concept of God being with us, as mentioned in Matthew 1:23. He then moves on to Romans 8:31, emphasizing that if God is for us, no one can be against us. The speaker also references 1 John 4:16, highlighting the unbreakable love of God in Christ Jesus. The sermon concludes with the assurance that God is with us, for us, and in us, and that we are more than conquerors through Him.

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## Transcript

Thank you very much. You're a wonderful crowd of people. You cooperate so wonderfully well.

Thank you. I just finished conducting a wedding in London, Ontario some time ago at the wedding reception. They were singing some hymns, you know, so I suddenly saw the fellow.

He said to me, Mr. Bosworth, the marvellous voice you have, you have to have that voice cultivated. Next time he saw me he said, don't worry, just plough it under. Matthew chapter one, verse number twenty-three.

Matthew, the first chapter, and verse number twenty-three. Now you've been having a lot of real strong meat right from Christmas until Friday evening. Now I think it's time for you to have a little bit of dessert, don't you? You've had an awful lot of strong meat, so I'm going to give you some devotional ministry.

Draw your heart out to the Lord Jesus and for real practical everyday living, in the home, in the office, wherever you may be. And this morning we're going to start off with a little expression in chapter one of Matthew and the twenty-third verse. Right in the middle of the verse it says, And they shall call his name Immanuel, who has been interpreted as God, God with us.

Now go across to Romans and the eighth chapter. Romans chapter eight and verse number thirty-one. Romans eight, verse thirty-one.

What shall we say then to these things if God be for us? Who can be against us? God with us, now God for us. Now first John, that is the first epistle, the fourth chapter at verse number sixteen. Now that's the epistle, not the gospel.

I've often got to qualify this because I'll tell you why. I was in South Wales and a young couple were being married in Scotland and I couldn't get home in time for the wedding. So I sent a telegram to them and put on one John four eighteen.

And one John four eighteen reads, first of all I've stressed about fear, there is no fear in love. When the telegram arrived at the wedding reception, the best man, instead of looking up one John four eighteen, he looked up the gospel by John four eighteen which reads, Thou hast had five husbands, and even a husband not thy husband. So you've got to be very careful.

One John four fourteen, verse sixteen. And we have known and believed the love that God has to us. God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

God with us, God for us, and now God in us. In the first one you have his presence, he's with us. In the second one you have his peace, he is for us.

And in the last one you have his power, because he is in us. And you see it's getting closer all the time, isn't it? He's with me, my wife, he's for me, but our best of all, he is in me. So these little expressions, God with us.

Isn't it wonderful to know the Lord is with us every moment of every day? When David of old recognized the presence of the Lord with him, then David behaved himself wisely, yea, more wisely, and it says, And so fears the Lord. O may we be a people who are living in a consciousness, moment by moment, that others may see the Lord Jesus in us and through us, and they too may be attracted to him. It's a prayer of our heart.

May his beauty rest upon us as we seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channels, seeing only him. Not I, but Christ. The magic gospel of that chapter, and the very last phrase says, Lord, I am with you.

Verse number 18 says, All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth, going into all the world and preach the gospel, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1, 20. Exodus chapter 3, verse 4. Then as he's going to leave, he says, I want to think that through.

He says, God is with us. Verse 203, as God with the devil is in heaven. Worthy, O Lamb of God, art thou, that every knee to thee should bow.

Lord, I am with you. The one who was conquered over Satan, and he's right here. Do you believe that? Are you in the good of that? In the sweet conscience of it? The Lord himself is with you.

Now, I'm taking the expression, I am with you. Now, the construction of the Greek text is very beautiful. You know what it says? The cattle I, the small with you, and the cattle am.

I with you am. Now, do you see where you are? You're lost in the I am. You're absolutely enveloped, absolutely encircled in the I am.

He looks into your heart, looks into my heart and says, Why? I with you am. On the mountain, in the valley, in the cloud, in the sunshine, in prosperity, and in adversity, I with you am. Nothing can touch you without first touching me.

O child of God, rejoice this morning. I go further. In Hebrews 13, 5 it says, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

So it will be boldly said, O Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Jesus Christ has saved me yesterday, and he's a great unchanging Christ. What does it say? I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Christ will never fail you in your hour of need. Though you lose your foothold, doubt your very creed, when the earth seems shaking, crumbling into dust, he himself remains faithful to your trust. How the times may face you, change may be your lot.

Christ will never fail you, Jesus changes not. Do you believe that? He'll never fail you. He'll never disappoint you.

He'll never let you down. To old age, to hoary hairs, I am the same. I am that I am.

And there you are this morning, absolutely lost, enveloped, encircled, in the great I am. No wonder Paul could say we are accepted in as the beloved, as all that are in Christ Jesus. There is therefore no judgment.

There is therefore no condemnation. Why, we are in him. The wonder of it all.

Remember Isaiah 41 10, it says, Fear not, for I am with thee. Be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee, I will help thee, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

I the Lord thy God will uphold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not. Do you know, I'm sure you must, that there are 365 fear nots in the Bible. There's a fear not for each day of the year in the Bible.

I remember ministering to Mr. Sam Cupples, a personal friend of Mrs. Willie's, at a conference in Yorkshire and England years ago. I mentioned that. A Hebrew Christian came up to me afterward and said, Mrs. Boswell, you made a mistake this afternoon.

Looking at him, I said, just one? Well, he said, you made one anyways. What was that? He said, when you said there are 365 fear nots in the Bible, that's a mistake. So how many are there, brother? He said, there are 366.

I said, well, if you found one for the leap year, we can still rejoice together. You see, you don't need to say, yesterday's for today, not today's for tomorrow. You get your fear not, for I am with thee.

I am thy God. I will strengthen thee. I will help thee.

I will hold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. You know, dear Saint of God, he's got us pulled by his own right hand. At this very present moment, he's holding our right hand.

And for the future, quoting Hebrews 13, 5, Weymouth translation, he says, I will never leave thee. I will never, no, never let go. Isn't that precious? I will never, no, never let go.

I'm so glad about that. What hand is this? Exodus chapter 15, verse 6 says, Thy right hand become glorious in power, in peace with the enemy. That's the hand that holds you, and that's the hand that will never let you go.

I give unto my sheep eternal life, and they shall never perish. Ne'er shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father's given me a greater than all.

No man is able to pluck them out of my Father's. In these words, no man means not even I myself. So you're not only holding your right hand, but for the future, whatever it may hold for us, it is, I will never.

Mr. Arthur Smith, the father of Mrs. Campbell, and the author of that delightful chorus, we were visiting a lady in Tartan Springs in this great state of Florida. She had just lost her husband. And Mr. Smith said to her, in his own sweet fatherly way, My dear, he could say that, he was over 80 years of age.

He said, My dear, isn't it wonderful that it says in Hebrews 13, 5, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee? Her face just lit up. He said, you know, one version has, I will never, never, never leave thee. I will never, never forsake thee.

He said to her in his own sweet way, Isn't it wonderful, the Lord, to say five never's? I will never, never, never leave thee. I will never, never forsake thee. Isn't that just wonderful? My dear, I could hear him saying it.

She looked straight at us and said, If you preachers need five, one's quite enough for me. Isn't that lovely? If you preachers need five, one's quite enough for me. The Lord has said it, that was quite enough.

Now, do you know him like this? If you're living reality in your life, I'm sure you must be. Lovely chorus I love to teach from time to time. I will never, never leave thee.

I will be thy constant stay. I will never, never leave thee. I'll be with thee all the way.

God has said it. His word is sure. I will never leave thee.

Isn't that just wonderful? Now, do you believe that? Now, we know it theoretically. We know it doctrinally. We know it scripturally.

But are we living in the good of this this morning? I look round this very intelligent group of mature Christians and I know you're in the good of what I'm talking about. And the Lord has said you're right now. God with, and he says, I with you am.

Will you look up now and just from your very heart say, The soul of our Jesus has leaned for repose. I will not, I will not desert to its foes. That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never.

Aren't you glad you're in Christ? I'm sure you must. Now, Romans chapter 8 for a moment, please. The 8th chapter of Romans and verse 51.

It says, If God be for us, who can be against us? Now, go with me, will you, to verse 26. The 26th verse of this wonderful chapter. Romans chapter 8. It says, Likewise, if there also helpeth our infirmities.

Now, this word helpeth is a very interesting word. It's a word that means he takes an end. He takes an end.

Remember the story of Mary and Martha? How that Martha went to the Lord and said, Master, careth thou not my son's blessing to serve alone? Bid her that she help me. What Martha's really saying, Lord, this is too much for me. You ask Mary to take an end.

That's the word you'll see in the very word. He helpeth, he takes an end. Spurgeon declares that when Christ is going to the cross, they compel Simon of Cyrene to bear the cross after Jesus.

Spurgeon declares that Christ carried the heavy end of that cross, while Simon carried the light end. Now, I don't know whether that happened or not, but I know it always happens in my case, your case too. No matter how heavy that burden, no matter how heavy that cross, he's taking the heavy end.

All your anxieties, all your cares, bring to the nurse's seat, leave them there. Never a burden he cannot bear. Never a friend like Jesus.

He's so understanding. He's so compassionate. He's so sympathetic.

He draws me into your heart this morning. Listen again to these words we said in pause. The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, our physical limitations, our sorrows, our bereavements, our financial reverses, our disappointments.

And he draws me, a real sympathizer, one who can enter right in and feel as you are feeling and share it with you. Often in visitation work, we go into infirmaries and hospitals and institutions and into people's homes, and you read with them and you pray with them. They say they have been helped, they have been encouraged, but somehow or other you feel you haven't got through.

You just know you haven't got there. Do you know why? Because I have never passed through what they are going through. Had I passed through what they are going through, then I'd be able to feel as they are feeling and understand what they are going through and synthesize correspondingly.

Here is one who understands you perfectly, even through all that you have gone through. And he understands you. He is the one who helpeth.

He takes the heady end. That is a real synthesizer. Why the Lord laid this measure upon my heart, I simply did not know.

I meant to preach him a psalm this morning, but the Lord knows why. There may be a heart here this morning that is really heavy. A heart almost at breaking point.

I want to tell you, friend, that there is one who understands you, who takes the heady end. Will you trust him? He said, Father, we know not. Now these three words have to do with our understanding.

We don't always understand why the Lord allows this or allows that. We don't always understand. Have you ever got to that place where you have been so tired in body, so fatigued in mind, you just happily thrown yourself across the bed or across the couch and said, Oh God! You can't say another word.

But the Holy Spirit who indwells you, as a believer, he knows the desires and the longings of your heart put into words could only groan before him. Listen. For to them that love God, for to them that love God, all things are working together.

And they are not merely for good, but into good. Hearing that little tickle in my throat. There it is.

See, I helped you right now. It says again, working together, not merely for good, but into good. You women know more about making cakes than I do.

At least I hope you do. For your husband's sake. But here it is.

You get the various ingredients and you bring those ingredients and you put them all in the mixing bowl and you get them all mixed together. See, a spoonful of shopping by itself, not very nice. A spoonful of flour by itself.

But you get them all in the mixing bowl. There it is. No lumps.

No lumps. Even texture, beautiful, creamy mixture. What happens now? You put it into the pan, then into the oven at a certain temperature.

The fire permeates right through the mixture then comes out. But the end in view is a cake. Now our individual trials and difficulties are not we speak very humanly here and very humbly about ourselves.

But you get them all in the mixing bowl and remember it's His pierced hand that's doing the mixing. His pierced hand is doing the mixing. Doesn't that help? And I repeat, nothing can touch you without first touching that pierced hand.

And the length is going to be for your good and for His glory He won't allow to pass. It must first touch Him. And it only comes to you by His own permissive will.

I love that. And now we can triumphantly say, what's the end in you now? I'll tell you. Verse 29 gives you the answer.

That we might be conformed to the image of His Son. That's what He's doing. By foreknowledge and predestination.

Predestination has to do with conformity to the image of His own beloved Son. That's why He saved you. That's why He saved me.

And He said whom He called. Did you know His predestination? He's seen the church. That's why I don't believe in the fallen away doctrine.

No wonder at all. Foreknowledge, predestination, called in the gospel. Did you know the late King George V was having a very special set of china made for him in Stafford, way back in England.

That's where I was born by the way. I was born in a cow's mother's hearse because I was born in a stable. So I got a lovely wedge.

And I thought the King was having a very special set of china made and it had to be in gold. A gold leaf had to be blown onto this. He was just about to touch it when the manager said not so Your Majesty.

Please don't touch. Even the King and the finger of the King would have spoiled the unfinished article for the lesson. How often we are inclined to interfere in the life of another believer when the Lord is at work in that life.

How often when we see a soul under conviction we try to hurry that soul through into professional phase. What an injury we do to that soul. When you see God at work maybe you have the spirit of discernment to

allow the spirit to do its own work.

God working. May I help you here? Just at that moment the girl came along with a pot of black lacquer. She had lacquer all over the set of china.

The King was just following it. She made a mess of it. Then the manager said no wait a minute wait a minute Your Majesty.

Wait till you see the finished article. When it's all black lacquered over it's put into brick kiln. You see? At a certain temperature.

And then out comes that all that beautiful set of china. All exquisite. They had made two vases.

Vase. Vase. Vase.

If he gives you to say vase is a cheap one. Vase is a dear one. Sir Nigel will call it vase for his memory.

Here it is in the vase. And made of the same clay. Put in the same oven.

The same temperature. One came out beautiful. Just like the china.

Really beautiful. The one came out ugly and disfigured and all marred. What's the lesson? The one had taken the fire and came out beautiful.

The one resisted the fire and came out ugly. When God's dealing in your life how do you respond? How do you react? No chasing for the moment seemeth to be joy but rather grievous. But afterward it yields the peaceable fruits of righteousness to those who are exercised thereby.

We can either resist it. We can despise it. Or we can be exercised by it.

The first two makes you bitter. Critical. Harsh.

Sour. Surly. The one makes you beautiful and sweet and gentle.

And grace and virtue that are brought us. I was in Vancouver a few months ago. I had lunch with Mr. MacLeod.

What was the brother's name? MacLeod, that's right. I got called Macintyre. I had lunch with Mr. MacLeod's son in Vancouver just a few weeks ago.

But there's a man there that I've known for a long time. The interview is really critical in a detrimental way. I'm really sorry.

He seems to have got a chip in his shoulder all the time. Always griping about something. You haven't got these type here.

I know you haven't. There's a beautiful car. No, no, far from that.

Well this man was just like that. Every day he was just all wrong. I went back there a few weeks ago and what a transformation.

What a change in that man's life. He was so gentle. There's a sweetness about him.

There's a Christ-likeness about him now. He could be so understanding. So I said to some of my brethren, tell me, what's happened in the life of so-and-so? Oh, the Lord brought him through the crucible and it's come through beautifully.

He responded. And virtues have been lying there dormant. I've now made manifest and is manifesting Christ.

How will he respond in a time of trial, either retired or advances the gospel? Oh, may God help us to recognize. Oh, I must advance too. Verse number thirty-one.

Let us say now and go from the whole thing up by saying, won't you now see to these things if God be for us. Oh, doesn't this bring such a wonderful peace, such a wonderful tranquility into our hearts? There's no opposition in that verse. If God's for me, who dare be against me? Verse number thirty-two.

He is sparing not His own son, but delivered up for us all. How shall He not for them also freely give us all things? You have the all of God's planning in verse twenty-eight. You have the all of God's provision in verse thirty-two.

The all of God's planning in verse twenty-eight. He's planning for me in love. His plan is perfect, you know.

I'm so glad about that. I know His wonderful provision. Our God's a giving God.

Gives us virtually all things to be enjoyed. Now, verse number thirty-three. Who shall we end the charge of God's delay? It is God that justifies.

Now, if there's no opposition in verse thirty-one, and no reservation in verse thirty-two, there's no accusation in verse thirty-three. If God has justified me, then who dare accuse me? Who dare accuse me? I yield the accused to the roar of ill that I have done. Hallelujah! Jehovah findeth none that all the hundreds of bloods if He were accepted in the beloved.

Isn't it wonderful? Now, verse thirty-four. Who shall condemn us? It is Christ that died, yet God is risen again, who is in the right hand of God all to make His intercession for us. Now, if He has justified me, He died for me, He rose for me, He lives for me, He intercedes for me, will this man condemn me? So there's no condemnation.

Verse number one says that there's no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus. May I interject something here? If you are not in Christ Jesus, you are already condemned because you believe not. That condemnation can be removed this morning by you accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour.

I have it in verse thirty-five. Who shall sever it from the love of Christ? There are seven things here. Please notice them.

Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sore. As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long. Where have come the sheep for the slaughter? Can you hear the old warrior saying it now? Nay, nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

Verse twenty-eight, the all of God's planning. Verse thirty-two, the all of God's provision. This one, the all of God's power.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. So please remember, and I want you to get this, there is no opposition, no reservation, no accusation, no condemnation, and in that verse there is no defeat. Everyone knows this very, very carefully.

And there are ten things here and they are all in pairs. Do you hear Paul summing the whole thing up now? Do you hear him saying it? For I am persuaded. Now are you? Child of God, are you? Father of the spiritual revelation, are you persuaded that neither death nor life, two extreme states, nor angels nor princesses, superhuman intelligences, things fragile, things that come, all time which is ours, height nor depth, dimension nor space, powers, creatures, abstract or concrete, personal or impersonal, dimensional or temporal, visible or invisible, animate or inanimate, intellectual or insensible, corporal or physical, celestial, terrestrial or eternal, in heaven or earth or hell, can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Thank God He is with us. Hallelujah, He is for us. And tonight, He'll still be in us.

Number forty-one. Here's number forty-one. No, it must be number fourteen.

Got my left fingers turned the other way round. Number fourteen, that's right. A firm foundation is laid for the Lord.

It lays for your faith in His excellent work. What more can He say unto you, He'll say, to you who for refuge to Jesus have pledged. We're going to sing verses number two and four.

Two and four. Fear not, I am with thee. Number fourteen.

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