

THE LORD IS CLOSE

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Mat 28:20 *"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

When we translate Greek into literal English here, these words add beauty and meaning: **"I am with you all the days."** How refreshing and inspiring they are! We need guidance, wisdom, strength, love, and a Saviour's intercession - and all is here if only we can value and receive the blessing of this beautiful reality of the endless presence of Christ.

We must fulfill certain conditions:

Obedience. **If a man keeps My words... I will manifest Myself unto him.** Your life's path is sketched out by God, either in ordinary living or in some special calling or mission. As you walk it, awareness of a glorious Presence coming to meet you and walking beside you is unmistakable.

Purity; "**the pure in heart see God.**" A quiet heart. I'm not saying a calm life - at times impossible, but a heart unburdened from feverish passions, unworthy ambitions, vanity, or pride. Meditating on God's Word helps render the quiet heart and saintly spirit which recognizes the Lord's presence.

Remembrance. Sometimes, the sense of His presence will flow into your soul, and other times not. Faith, not feelings, is the sure capability. Without faith, you would not have sensed His presence or come to accept Him. Continuing your trust in the Divine is one thing that pleases our God the most, for without it, it is impossible to please Him - "...**For He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU."**" Hebrews 13:5.

At His service,
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