**R814 - Rumination for Sept. 06, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **God With us**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *And they shall call His name* ***Emmanuel****, which being interpreted is,* ***God with us***. Mt. 1:23

The **T**hots:

1. **God was among His People in the Tabernacle.** **Exo. 25:8**

*And let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.*

1. God **S**et up His **P**resence at the Mercy **S**eat in the Tabernacle. Exo. 25:22

*And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat,*

*from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony…*

1. God **S**howed His **P**resence among His **P**eople by a **P**illar of cloud. Exo. 40:34, 35
2. *A cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*

*And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon,*

*and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.* Exo. 40:36, 37

1. *When the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys*…*But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up*.
2. God **S**ignalled His **P**urpose to move by His **P**illar of Cloud. Exo. 13:21
3. *And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way;*

*and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:*

1. *For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night,*

*in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.* Exo. 40:38

1. **God was the Person of *the Word* in Jesus. Jn. 1:1**
2. *In the beginning was the Word,*
3. *and the Word was with God,*
4. *and the Word was God.*
5. And the Word was Jesus in the flesh! Jn. 1:14

 *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory,*

 *the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

1. **“*God With Us*” (*Emmanuel*) was Prophesied to be in Jesus.**
2. The **P**rophecy **F**oretold: Isa. 7:14

*Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a* ***S****ign;*

*Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a* ***S****on, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

1. The **P**rophecy **F**ulfilled:Mt. 1:23

*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

1. The Son’s Humani**ty** - *She shall bring forth a* ***S****on, and thou shalt call His name* ***JESUS****.*

 *for He shall* ***S****ave His people from their* ***S****ins.* Mt. 1:21

1. The Son’s Divini**ty** - *Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son,*

 *and they shall call His name* ***EMMANUEL****.*

 *which being interpreted is, God with us.* Mt. 1:23

1. Jesus, the Intermedia**ry** - *For there is one God, and one* ***M****ediator between God and men,*

 *the* ***M****an Christ Jesus; Who gave Himself a ransom for all…* I Tim. 2:5, 6

1. God’s Reconciliato**ry** Act - *To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself,*

*not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

 II Cor. 5:19

1. **Finally, God Promised to be with His People in the Prospective Future:** **Rev. 21:3**

 *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,*

1. *and He will dwell with them,*
2. *and they shall be His people,*
3. *and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.*
4. **In the Meanwhile, Jesus Promised to be Present with Us.**
5. To His **C**ompany (**C**hurch), He **P**romises to be **P**resent with All gathered in His Name. Matt. 18:20

*For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.*

1. In His **C**ommission to His Disciples He promised to be with them All the Way. Matt. 28:20

*And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

1. In His **C**haracter: He is the Same All the Days: Heb. 13:8

*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*

Thus, today expect Him to be Present at the Head of His Table at the Lord’s Supper.

*Jesus, Thy feast we celebrate, We show Thy death, we sing Thy name,*

 *Till Thou return, and we shall eat The marriage supper of the Lamb.* Isaac Watts

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 814**

1. **Psalm 139:7-16**

*7 Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?*

*8 If I ascend up into heaven,* ***Thou art there****:*

 *if I make my bed in hell, behold,* ***Thou art there****.*

*9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;*

*10 Even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.*

*11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.*

*12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day:*

 *the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.*

*13 For Thou hast possessed my reins: Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.*

*14 I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:*

 *marvellous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*

*15 My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret,*

 *and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.*

*16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in Thy book*

 *all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned,*

 *when as yet there was none of them.*

There is no time and no place when and where God cannot be –

He is ever Omnipresent – ***Thou art there***!

This is good news for the Saint (Psa. 139:9-13). Why? **REFLECT**.

But it is bad news for the Sinner (Psa. 139:8). Why? **REFLECT**.

If this be so, what is the responsibility of the Saint towards the Sinner? **REFLECT**.

1. Read Psa. 139:13-16 again. The Psalmist is conscious of God’s **O**mnipresence in 139:7-12

In 139:13-16, the Psalmist is Conscious of God’s **O**wnership of his **P**erson and all his **P**ossessions, i.e. God owns all that he is and all that he has. He is what God has made of him. He has been Wonderfully made in spite of his imperfections; He has been graciously made, unworthy and imperfect that he may be. Whatever he is, he can only conclude:

*I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:*

*marvellous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*

For who you are and what you are, can you give God praise?

Would you consider yourself wonderfully made in spite of how you feel and what you are today? Can you praise God and commit yourself to Him this day?

Currently many, if not, all of us, face the hazards and threats of the Covid-19 Corona Virus and are subject to many restrictions so that the so-called normal lives that we used to live before have now been turned upside down for us to adapt to and adopt this New Normal Life.

At this time do you still feel that God is in control and He will watch over you whatever you do and wherever you are? Do you have the confidence that yesterday, today and tomorrow the Lord is the same and you can rely on Him and His Word to watch over you, protect you and provide for in your Christian Walk before Him? **REFLECT**.

**Points To Ponder:** *Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same.*

 *All may change, but Jesus never! Glory to His name!* A. B. Simpson