

“Lo, I am with You Always”

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Introduction:

- A. God has promised to be with His people from the beginning and in every crisis along their journey in life.
 - 1. Isa. 41:10; 1Chron. 29:1, 28:20
- B. Jesus included the promise of God in the Christian Dispensation
 - 1. Matt. 28:18-20
- C. This is also known as “the all commission”
 - 1. Vs. 18 - All power comes through Jesus Christ
 - 2. Vs. 19 - Reach all peoples or nations
 - 3. Vs. 20 - Teach all precepts “all things I have commanded you”
 - 4. Vs. 20 - Christ is with His people at all times “I am with you always”

I. THE GREAT PROMISE

- A. “I am with you always” (ἐγὼ μεθ ὑμῶν εἶμι πάσας τὰς ἡμέρας). Every word is in the emphatic form.
 - 1. “The Ascension was at hand; this implied an absence of his visible presence, to be replaced by a spiritual presence, more perfect, potent, effectual, infinite. It is I Myself, I, God and Man, who am henceforward ever present among you, with you as Companion, Friend, Guide, Savior, God. I am with you in all your ministries, prayers public and private, baptisms, communions, exhortations, doctrine, discipline. And this, not now and then, not at certain times only, but ‘all the days’ of your pilgrimage, all the dark days of trial and persecution and affliction; all the days when you, my apostles, are gathered to your rest, and have committed your work to other hands; my presence shall never be withdrawn for a single moment.” (Eerdmans Pulpit Commentary)
- B. God made similar promises to His servants of old
 - 1. Moses - Ex. 3:11-12
 - 2. Joshua - Deut. 31:23; Joshua 1:5
 - 3. Jeremiah - Jer. 1:8
- C. “I am with you always”
 - 1. A promise Jesus made to His apostles - Matt. 10:19-20; Acts 1:8
John 16:7-8, 13
 - 2. To those who keep His commandments - John 14:18-23; Matt. 18:20
 - 3. A promise that provides us with comfort - Rom. 8:31-39; Heb. 13:5-6
- D. “Even to the end of the age”
 - 1. To the time of the Great Harvest - Matt. 13:39-49
- E. It was in our best interest that Jesus leave this world and His physical form
 - 1. To give us all truth - Acts 2:33; Eph. 4:8
 - 2. To deliver salvation - Heb. 2:10; Luke 24:46-47
 - 3. To be the first to rise from the dead and ascend to the Father - Rev. 1:5

Conclusion:

- A. Throughout the “All” dispensation or Christian age, Jesus will forever be with His disciples as they complete His commission, going into the world and making more disciples - Gen. 28:15