

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save his people from their sins.' Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, (Is.7:14) saying, '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.' Matthew 1:21-23 KJV



"Emmanuel, God with us." Isn't that what men have desired for millennia? To have their God walk and talk with them? To succor them in the day of trouble? To provide their needs? To give them Life Eternal? God came down to be with His creation the first time in Eden, they disbelieved Him, and they sinned against Him. He came a second time, they disbelieved Him, and they crucified Him. "He came unto His Own, and His Own received Him not." He even told them ahead of time how and when He would come. "The Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." He came to redeem them, so He could restore the original fellowship of the Garden of Eden. Lovers often seek out gardens for private and intimate conversation. We often call prayer a "garden." It's where we meet with God to commune and fellowship with Him here on earth. "Pray without ceasing" is an invitation. He has given us warning about His third and last coming. It will be unexpected and final. There will be no more chances to repent. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still." Time will cease and eternity will again reign supreme. Eternity with God is offered freely to all who will repent and obey. Eternity without God is the alternative. There are no other choices, in spite of Satan's lies, and you have to choose, now. Once you pass Death's threshold, time will forever vanish! "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this The Judgment." You will literally be "too late" forever. How many close calls and near misses have brought you within a hair's breadth of eternity? Did you ever think, "Perhaps God's mercy sent angels to keep me safe so I still have time to choose wisely?" Believer, how many a time has the Destroyer come and the Hand of God withheld him on your behalf to give you time to repent of backsliding and apathy? Get REAL about faith and quit PLAYING CHURCH! There's trouble in the Church, because there's no repentance. There's no power, because there's no obedience. "Our God is a jealous God." He wants our companionship 24/7, not just a few hours a week. God isn't an "accessory" to life, He IS life! "Jesus said...I am the Way, the Truth, and the LIFE! In Him was LIFE and the LIFE was the Light of men! Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." Without God you are just a dead man walking!

God came to men to purge their sin,
Holiness to bestow within,
His own Spirit, new Life to give,
That men eternally may live! ~CGP

"Pray without ceasing" is not a suggestion. God wants us to be His ever-present companion. "In ALL thy ways acknowledge Him. Be ye Holy, for I am Holy." are the Commands given. God promises pleasures beyond imagination to those who obey. "God has Commanded men everywhere to repent." Repentance is the return to obedience; not remorse, sorrow, or penance. God does not suggest; He is Sovereign; He Commands! Woe to the disobedient; Christian and unbeliever alike! God is with us, now! Beware!

"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into ALL Truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify me (Christ/the Word): for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you." John 16:13-14 KJV