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How to enjoy God's presence in this confusing world

Part 4 - IMMANUEL

Philippians 4:8-9

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Immanuel: God is with us!

Matthew 1:23

²³ "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**.

Nehemiah 8:10

But Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

John 3:16-17

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

2 Corinthians 5:19-21

¹⁹ God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, **not counting men's sins against them**. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, **as though God were making his appeal through us**. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

How to enjoy the God of peace in this confusing world

Rejoice, Be gentle toward others, Cast our anxieties upon God,
and

Think right (The importance of our thought life)

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Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.... PROVERBS 23:7

Philippians 4:9

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Romans 8:5

“For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but **those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit** set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit.” (Romans 8:5)