

Sermon Outline – December 3, 2017

Will God Really Dwell With Us?

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 Colossians 1:15-20 John 14:1-3, 16:33

1. Why do we need God to dwell with us?

2. Why has there long been this question, “Will God really dwell with us?”

- At the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem, King Solomon prayed to God, *“Will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built.”*

1 Kings 8:27

- At his trial before the Sanhedrin, the first Christian martyr, Stephen said, *“It was Solomon who built a house for God. However, the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands.”* Acts 7:47-48

3. At the Last Supper Jesus said to his troubled disciples, *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.”*

“My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?”

“And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14:1-3

- The disciples still do get it. What does Philip want?

- Jesus answered Philip’s request, *“Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?”* John 14:9-10

- Jesus goes on to say this to his troubled disciples, *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”* John 16:33

4. Will God really dwell with us?

- What does Christmas mean?

- Knowing that Jesus dwells with me gives me the peace and courage to face troubles in this world because Jesus is God and he has

_____.

5. This is for all people, including those that are _____ to me.

6. Next Step:

- Identify a trouble in my life where it would be helpful for you to know that God is with you in that trouble.

- Pray **God is With Me Prayer**

Almighty God, I believe that, in Jesus, you came to be with us. I believe that, in Jesus, you have overcome all the troubles of this world. I am facing this trouble in my life. *(Name it)* Give me peace and courage to face this trouble, knowing that Jesus dwells with me and he has overcome this world. Amen.