

Sermon ~ Sunday, March 21, 2021 by Pastor D. Benoit

Text: Matthew 28: 20b "...I AM with you alway..."

Title: "No, Never Alone!"

If we are not *careful, watchful, vigilant* these days, these last days, these end times can cause *indifference*: *no interest, no concern, no sympathy, no will to go on.*

Jacob, that Old Testament patriarch, was not the only one who said,
"Surely **The LORD** is in this place, and I did not know it." (Genesis 28: 16)

JESUS promised, and it is true, "...I **AM** with you alway..." **JESUS** is present!!!

Some helps to this reality...

1. Go to the place where **HE (JESUS)** is most clearly revealed.

NOT... World-Wonders, Mountains/Oceans, Great Sermons...

But **The BIBLE—GOD'S HOLY WORD!!!**

"The more we know about *it* and read *it*, the more *it* will take us into **The Presence of GOD.**"
(Martyn Lloyd-Jones)

Do not settle for *sensing The Presence of GOD*... **HIS Presence** is most felt in **HIS WORD(S)**—

"So then faith (*in GOD*) cometh by hearing and hearing by **The WORD of GOD.**"

(Romans 10: 17) If we would but *listen* to **HIS WORD(S)**, we will hear **HIS VOICE**,
and we will see **HIS Presence**.

2. Prove you *believe* **JESUS** is present by *Talking* with **HIM**.

That is, through *PRAYER*. If you call on **HIM**, **HE** will hear and answer! I *must* tell **JESUS** all of my trials... I *must* tell **JESUS** all my troubles... Tempted and tried, I *need a Great SAVIOR*...

I *must* tell **JESUS**! I *must* tell **JESUS**! I cannot bear my burdens alone; I *must* tell **JESUS**!

I *must* tell **JESUS**! **JESUS** can help me, **JESUS** alone.

BUT realize, we cannot do all the talking/telling—**HE (JESUS)** knows, and **HE** has what we need,
so we *must (listen)* give **HIM** a chance to talk/tell us about it!

Talking to **HIM** and **HE** talking to us brings *closeness* that cannot be manufactured by *silence*
before **HIM**!

3. *Worshipping HIM* with Others.

I deeply miss our Sunday morning assembling. BUT how often, do you recall, of walking away
from *Worship* thinking, "I did not feel **The LORD'S Presence**, today." "Something just wasn't
right about *Worship* today." WOW! **The LORD, WHO** watched over you all night long;

The LORD, WHO woke you up, clothed you with the right mind; **The LORD, WHO** brought you
up and out to the Church-house, where you heard *Hymns* sung, *Prayers* prayed,

The WORD of GOD taught and Preached, and you felt NOTHING! WOW!

What a *Fellowship*, What a **JOY Divine**, leaning on **HIS Everlasting ARM**... I know, we know, and others like us know, if it were not for **The LORD** on our side, there is no telling where we would be. I'm not the only one **GOD'S Everlasting ARM** is holding up!!!

4. Develop "**GOD Eyes!**"

JESUS *fed* the multitude, but it was with **HIS FATHER'S Bread**... **JESUS** *healed* the sick, but **The FATHER** did the works... **JESUS**, like you and me, *see* that the birds do not have storehouse, ice boxes, freezers or refrigerators, cabinets/ cupboards with foods and seasonings, but *our FATHER* *feeds* them day by day... **JESUS** like you and me, are *watching* the trees and plants, the grounds/fields, that were stripped by winters freeze and stormy blaze, but **The FATHER**, is causing tailor-made wardrobes of various colored buddings to appear without man-made factorings...

JESUS set **HIS Face** toward JERUSALEM... Outside the Holy City Walls, on a Hill called CALVARY, **JESUS—GOD'S only begotten SON** was *crucified*... There **HE** *died* on a Roman Cross... they took **HIM** down and wrapped **HIM** in grave clothing's, and *buried* **HIM** in a tomb own by another, they sealed the tomb with a Roman seal and placed two guards before that tomb to keep guard and watch of it.

BUT "Nothing in all creation is hidden from **GOD'S Sight**. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before **The Eyes of HIM** to **WHOM** we must give account."

If (SINCE) **GOD** *saw* **HIS SON**... Early that Sunday morning, when **HE** caused the earth to quake, the guards to drop as dead men... and **JESUS** *rose* from the dead, with ALL Power in **HIS Hand**... Surely, **HE** *sees us; With us, By us, Alongside us!* **NO, Never Alone!!!**