

Sermon Title: “When the Tabernacle of God is With Men”

Scripture Reading:

Revelation 21:3-4 (KJV)

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Introduction

This message explores the hope of God dwelling among His people, as promised in the Scriptures. From the beginning, God has desired to be close to humanity, and the Bible gives us vivid pictures of what life will be like when the Tabernacle of God is fully realized among men. This is the fulfillment of His promises—no longer distant, but dwelling among us as our God.

What will life be like when the presence of God is among us forever? Let us look to the Word of God and allow the Scriptures to paint a picture of that glorious future.

I. The Restoration of God’s Dwelling Among Men

God has always intended to dwell with humanity. From the Garden of Eden to the Tabernacle in the wilderness, and now through His Spirit, God has been working to restore fellowship with His people. But the ultimate fulfillment will occur when His Tabernacle is permanently with men.

1. Ezekiel 37:27 (KJV)

“My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

- God’s permanent dwelling among His people represents restored fellowship and communion, without interruption or separation.

2. John 1:14 (KJV)

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

- Jesus is the living tabernacle of God who came to dwell with men. The ultimate fulfillment of God's plan is when this presence is no longer temporary but eternal.

II. A Life Without Sorrow, Pain, or Death

The Bible promises that life in the presence of God will be free from the sorrows of this world. When God is with us, He will remove every cause of pain and suffering.

1. Revelation 21:4 (KJV)

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

- The absence of death and suffering marks the new life we will experience. Every painful memory and hardship will fade away in the light of His glory.

2. Isaiah 25:8 (KJV)

“He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.”

- God’s victory over death will be complete, and His people will live in unbroken joy.

3. 1 Corinthians 15:54 (KJV)

“So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.”

- Immortality will replace mortality, as believers will live in perfect peace forever.

III. Peace, Joy, and Perfect Fellowship with God

When the Tabernacle of God is with men, there will be unbroken peace and joy. The curse of sin will be lifted, and God’s people will experience the fullness of His presence.

1. Isaiah 65:17-19 (KJV)

“For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.”

- God’s presence brings unending joy, and sorrow will no longer exist in the new creation.

2. Psalm 16:11 (KJV)

“Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

- Life in the presence of God is characterized by fullness of joy and eternal pleasure.

3. Isaiah 11:6-9 (KJV)

“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid... They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

- This describes the perfect peace and harmony that will exist when God’s kingdom is established.

IV. God’s Glory as the Light Among His People

In the new heavens and new earth, God’s glory will be the source of light, and there will be no need for the sun or moon.

1. Revelation 21:23-24 (KJV)

“And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”

- God’s presence will illuminate everything, bringing eternal light and truth.

2. Isaiah 60:19-20 (KJV)

“The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.”

- God’s everlasting light will banish all darkness, both physical and spiritual.

V. The Covenant Relationship Fully Realized

When God’s Tabernacle is with men, His people will live in perfect covenant relationship with Him. He will be their God, and they will be His people.

1. Jeremiah 31:33 (KJV)

“But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

- The covenant relationship will be fully realized, with God’s laws written on the hearts of His people.

2. Revelation 21:7 (KJV)

“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”

- Eternal inheritance and perfect sonship with God are part of the reward for those who remain faithful.

Conclusion: What Life Will Be Like When God Dwells Among Us

When the Tabernacle of God is with men, life will be marked by joy, peace, and perfect fellowship with God. There will be no more death, sorrow, or pain. The curse of sin will be lifted, and we will live in harmony and peace forever in the presence of our Creator.

This is the hope of every believer: to dwell with God in a world free from suffering, illuminated by His glory, and filled with unending joy. As we look forward to that day, let us remain faithful, obey His commandments, and prepare our hearts for the day when God will dwell among us and be our God forever.

Invitation:

If you have not yet given your life to the Lord, now is the time. God is calling you to be part of this glorious future, where sorrow, pain, and death will be no more. Will you answer His call and be among those who dwell with Him forever?