

## GOD WITH US—SELECTED SCRIPTURES

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The Bible contains a number of references to God's being with us. Looking at the big picture of Scripture reveals God's plan to gradually dwell with His people more and more, culminating in the full fellowship with God in eternity. The understanding of God with us should encourage our faith while strengthening our trust, commitment, and obedience to Him.

1. God's original design to be with us: personal fellowship

2. God with us in the Old Testament: distance presence

3. God with us personally: Jesus Christ

4. God with us by indwelling: Holy Spirit

5. God with us continually: present and future