

“Lo, I am with You Always”

Matthew 28:18-20

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- God has promised to be with His people from the beginning and in every crisis along their journey in life.
 - Isa. 41:10 - “Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”
 - 1Chron. 29:1 - “King David said to all the assembly: My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced; and the work is great, because the temple is not for man but for the LORD God.”
 - 1Chron. 28:20 - “And David said to his son Solomon, Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God -my God- will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.”

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- Jesus included the promise of God in the Christian Dispensation
 - Matt. 28:18-20 - “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”

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- This is also known as “the all commission”
 - Vs. 18 - All power comes through Jesus Christ
 - Vs. 19 - Reach all peoples or nations
 - Vs. 20 - Teach all precepts “all things I have commanded you”
 - Vs. 20 - Christ is with His people at all times “I am with you always”

The Great Promise

- “I am with you always” (ἐγὼ μεθ ὑμῶν εἰμι πάσας τὰς ἡμέρας).
- Every word is in the emphatic form.

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- “The Ascension was at hand; this implied an absence of his visible presence, to be replaced by a spiritual presence, more perfect, potent, effectual, infinite. It is I Myself, I, God and Man, who am henceforward ever present among you, with you as Companion, Friend, Guide, Savior, God. I am with you in all your ministries, prayers public and private, baptisms, communions, exhortations, doctrine, discipline. And this, not now and then, not at certain times only, but ‘all the days’ of your pilgrimage, all the dark days of trial and persecution and affliction; all the days when you, my apostles, are gathered to your rest, and have committed your work to other hands; my presence shall never be withdrawn for a single moment.”
(Eerdmans Pulpit Commentary)

The Great Promise

- God made similar promises to His servants of old
 - Moses - Ex. 3:11-12 - “But Moses said to God, Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt? 12 So He said, I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

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 - Joshua - Deut. 31:23 - “Then He inaugurated Joshua the son of Nun, and said, Be strong and of good courage; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land of which I swore to them, and I will be with you.”
 - Joshua 1:5 - “No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.”

The Great Promise

- God made similar promises to His servants of old
 - Jeremiah - Jer. 1:8 - “Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”

The Great Promise

- “I am with you always”
 - A promise Jesus made to His apostles
 - Matt. 10:19-20 - “But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; 20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.”

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- A promise Jesus made to His apostles
 - Acts 1:8 - “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
 - John 16:7-8, 13 - “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment... 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

The Great Promise

- A promise Jesus made to those who keep His commandments
 - Matt. 18:20 - “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them”

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- John 14:18-23 - “I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. 19 A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him. 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world? 23 Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”

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- A promise that provides us with comfort
 - Rom. 8:31-39
 - Heb. 13:5-6 - “Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 So we may boldly say: The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?””

The Great Promise

- “Even to the end of the age”
 - To the time of the Great Harvest
 - Matt. 13:39-49

The Great Promise

- It was in our best interest that Jesus leave this world and His physical form
 - To give us all truth
 - Acts 2:33 - “Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.”
 - Eph. 4:8 - “Therefore He says: When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”

The Great Promise

- To deliver salvation
 - Heb. 2:10 - "For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."
 - Luke 24:46-47 - "Then He said to them, Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

The Great Promise

- To be the first to rise from the dead and ascend to the Father
 - Rev. 1:5 - “Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood”

The Great Promise

- Throughout the “All” dispensation or Christian age, Jesus will forever be with His disciples as they complete His commission, going into the world and making more disciples
- Gen. 28:15 - “Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.”