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“The Nearness of GOD”

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" ... *though He is not far from every one of us*"
-Acts 17:27

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD or even have been one who has said, "Oh to have lived in the days of Old Testament Saints, and have experienced a heavenly visitation in angelic form. One can long for such days, and in doing so, miss a greater present-day blessing, that is, the New Testament *indwelling* presence of God in the life of a believer. A born-again believer is one who is a Christian, a Christ-one, one who has called upon the Name of the Lord for salvation and experienced an inner cleansing from the sin of unbelief through His precious blood as revealed in 1 Peter 1:18-19.

1. God, in Old Testament days of Abraham, spoke to man and appeared to him in a vision-Genesis 15:1
... and then He moved a little closer.
2. God, in the days of Moses, spoke to him on the mount in delivering His message-Exodus 19:11-20
... and then He moved a little closer.

3. God, in the days of the Israelites' journeying from Egypt, spoke to man from inside the Tabernacle- Leviticus 1:1
... and then He moved a little closer.
4. God, in the days of our Lord's earthly pilgrimage, walked among men veiled in human flesh (John 1:14) and then *indwelt* men by His Holy Spirit, and so today.
5. God and His Holy Spirit are in each believer.
What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom ye have of God, and ye are not your own? -1 Cor. 6:19

YES, IN THE 20TH CENTURY, this year today, right now, if you are a Christian, one who believes in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. 15:3-4), and have by faith called upon Him to save you (Romans 10:13), He, the Holy Spirit of God, is in you. We who are believers never walk alone, for He abides with us *forever*-John 14:16.

God *invisible* for some 4,000 years.

God *incarnate* for some 33 years.

God *indwelling FOREVER* in this church age.



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