Is The Lord Among Us Or Not? Part I

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INTRODUCTION

- There are several self-contained lessons in this. So if you've got a pen and you can write these down, make notes in your Bible and come back to them later.

1 Jesus Is Our Example

Ephesians 5:1–2; Luke 5:16

- Be imitators of God as beloved children. And walk in love, just as Christ did.
- Jesus displayed a tremendous confidence in the scripture. He had belief in the power of Scripture.
- He modeled righteous attitudes and behavior perfectly.
- These are the things that he thought. These are the things that he did. How can I model that in my circumstances in my life?

2 Cite Scripture in Your Fight Against the Devil

Matthew 4:1–11; 1 John 2:15–16; Psalm 119:11

- How does he ward off his advances? What does he do? He quotes Scripture.
- You want to defeat the devil, might want to have the powerful word handy when Satan assaults.
- Thy word have I treasured in my heart that I might not sin against you.
- Be armed and ready. Commit these passages and others like them to memory.

3 Deuteronomy: What It Means to Be Sons of God

Deuteronomy 8:3; Deuteronomy 6:13; Deuteronomy 6:16

- He quotes Deuteronomy. Because Deuteronomy is about what it means to be sons of God. And that's who he is.
- Will Jesus succeed where Israel has failed? As God's son. And the answer to that question is yes, he will.
- We need God's sustenance to really live.
- You shall fear only the Lord your God, and you shall worship him and swear by his name.

4 Is the Lord Among Us or Not?

Exodus 17:1–7; 1 Corinthians 10:4

- The people quarreled with Moses and said, Give us water that we may drink.
- God takes the most dry, solid thing. He can bring water out of it. He can bring water out of anything.

- He brought us out here to die. Is the Lord among us or not?

5 We Must Not Dictate Terms to God

Luke 9; Luke 16; Ecclesiastes 9:11

- They tested the Lord here. We must not dictate terms to God.
- God, I'll serve you, but it's going to be on these terms that I expect you to comply.
- I'm going to give God his due on the basis of what he has said for me to do, not how he prospers me and fixes everything in my life.
- If everything in your life is rocking along pretty fine presently, be thankful. There's no guarantees that it's going to last.

6 Do Not Equate Fellowship With Favorable Circumstances

2 Corinthians 4:7; 1 Peter 4:18; Psalm 73:1

- We must not necessarily equate fellowship with favorable circumstances.
- They're thirsty. Very thirsty. But that didn't mean the Lord wasn't with them.
- He's teaching them. Trust, dependence, faith. Not perfect circumstances.
- Your circumstances as a covenant person may not be ideal. Sometimes we suffer.
- Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

THE CHALLENGE

So if there's someone in this audience this morning to answer the question, is the Lord with you or not? This is where it begins.

MY NOTES