Wilderness/Promise #7 Pastor Rick Baker

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**The Promise of God with Us!**

*The Intention of Creation; The Incarnation of Christmas*

The intention of *this grace (*2 Timothy 9,10)*,* is gloriously pictured by the book ends of the Scripture -- **God with us**, His creation. (Gen. 3:8; Rev. 21:3)

*The majesty of Christmas* is the fulfillment of the promise of an intimate God who is near—our joy! (Isaiah 57:15)

Let the truth of the nearness of God heal your heart, lift your head, and bring joy to your next steps...

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God with us** (Gen. 3:8; Lev. 26:12; Deut. 23:14; 31:17; 2 Sam 7:6-7; Ezek. 8:12; 9:9)

PARADISE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Gen. 3:23-24)

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God with us** (Gen. 3:15; Is. 7:14; 9:6; Matt. 1:22-23; Lk. 1:31)

 PARADISE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 23:43)

“Became flesh and dwelt among us”; the goal was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Jn 1:14; Gal. 4:4-5; Phil 2:6-11)

Christ’s incarnational sinlessness and sacrifice are the only grounds of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—from idols to intimacy; God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us! (Jn. 14:17; Rom. 5:12-19; Acts 2:38-39)

(Jn. 14:21; 15:11)

1. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God** (Rev. 21:3; 1 Thes. 4:17)

 PARADISE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 21:1-5)

*Blessed are those who wash their robes (7:14; cf. 1 Jn 1:7), that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.* (Rev. 22:14)

*He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.* (Rev. 22:20-21)