

God's Perfect Presence

Scripture Reading — Revelation 21:1-5

"Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them." Revelation 21:3 —

In his book *Heaven*, Randy Alcorn paints a fascinating picture of life on the new earth. Based on his interpretation of several Old and New Testament Bible passages, life for God's people is not some ghostlike existence. People will have real, physical bodies, will recognize each other, and will be able to relate to each other in meaningful ways. In keeping with God's promise to make all things new, Alcorn envisions a creation that will be restored and renewed. As beautiful as that will be, the most amazing thing about life on the new earth will be the perfect presence of God. Says John, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God." As *The Message* puts it, "God has moved into the neighborhood." Today we experience God's presence imperfectly. Some days we feel God's closeness, and some days God seems far away. Some days we talk with him, and some days he seems to turn a deaf ear. On the new earth, when Christ has come again, as a familiar song says, we "shall see him face to face, and tell the story, 'Saved by grace.'" Make sure you know him as your Savior, and pray that we will soon be able to experience his perfect presence.

Prayer

Lord, we thank you for your promise to make all things new and for the promise to live with us on the new earth. Come soon, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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