

God With Us... In The Valley

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*"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**" (which means "God with us").* Matthew 1:23

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Key Thought:

We **enjoy** God on the mountaintops but **know** him during the valleys.

¹ The LORD is **my shepherd**, I lack nothing. ² He **makes me lie down** in green pastures, he **leads me beside quiet waters**, ³ he **refreshes my soul**. **He guides me** along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk **through the darkest valley**, I will fear no evil, **for you are with me**; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23:1-4

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ *If I go up to the heavens, **you are there**; if I make my bed in the depths, **you are there**.* ⁹ *If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, **your right hand will hold me fast**.*

Psalm 139:7-10

Joseph's "Valley" ...

¹⁸ *This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.* Matthew 1:18-19

²⁰ *But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."* Matthew 1:20-21

²² *All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "**The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel**" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.* Matthew 1:22-24