Immanuel in the Garden of Eden
Selected Scriptures
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I.   Introduction

II.   Immanuel - God With Us (Mt 1:18-25)

A. *God* with us (Jn 1:14; Col 1:19; 2:9)

Therefore, when Jesus is called "Immanuel" or "God with us" it is code for
_____ taking on human flesh. Jesus was _____ in the flesh.

B. God *with us*

The name Immanuel not only declares that _____ is with us but that God is
_____ _____ – with us sinful, corrupt, misguided, rebellious humans.

III.   The Garden of Eden

A. The Original Design (Gen 1:28; 2:8, 15-17; 3:8; Is 45:18)

Prior to the Fall, we _____ with God, enjoyed His _____. In
other words, prior to the Fall, God was _____ us.

B. Redemption as Recovery of Eden

1.   Walking with God (Gen 5:22ff; 6:9; 17:1; 24:40; 48:15)

When God acts to redeem his people, to rescue them, he restores them to
_____.

    2.   Being with God (Gen 26:24,28; 28:15 cf. Ex 3:12)

The promise of "God with you" is a promise of God on our side, God for us, favoring us, loving us, defending us, protecting us, watching out for us, providing for us. In these texts, the patriarchs are instructed – don't be afraid, I am on your side, I will do all that I have promised, never fear! I am a faithful God fulfilling my promises to my people – I will redeem the world, I will rescue humanity, I will reverse the Fall, I will bless all the families of the earth in you.

IV.   Application

A. New Adam, New Humanity

In Jesus the pathway back to _____ is opened. We can enjoy open and uninterrupted fellowship with God through Jesus Christ. Even though we are sinners, we can meet with God, fellowship with God, feast with God, rest with God. Jesus is the New _____, come to reign over a New _____ who will, by the power of the Spirit, repair the old ruins, restore the earth, and spread the knowledge of God throughout the nations.

B. Not Afraid (Gen 26:24; 28:15; Ps 46)

C. True Courage

V.   Conclusion

People who are afraid don't _____. They cower; they keep quiet; they avoid scrutiny. But God tells us to feast because He is with us.