

Study Guide: *God With Us, Part 1: His Embrace*

1. “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him \_\_\_\_\_”—which means, “\_\_\_\_\_ with us” (Matthew 1:23).
2. “Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it \_\_\_\_\_ with his \_\_\_\_\_ you shall take My offering” (Exodus 25:2).
3. “And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may \_\_\_\_\_ among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it” (Ex. 25:8-9).
4. Hebrews 8:1-2, “Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the \_\_\_\_\_, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the \_\_\_\_\_ erected, and not man.”
5. “Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ the tabernacle” (Ex. 40:34-35).
6. “With eager interest the multitudes of Israel crowded around to look upon the sacred structure. While they were contemplating the scene with reverent satisfaction, the pillar of cloud floated over the sanctuary and, descending, enveloped it. ‘And the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.’ There was a revealing of the divine majesty, and for a time even Moses could not enter. With deep \_\_\_\_\_ the people beheld the token that the work of their hands was accepted. There were no loud demonstrations of rejoicing. A solemn awe rested upon all. But the gladness of their hearts welled up in tears of joy, and they murmured low, earnest words of gratitude that God had condescended to \_\_\_\_\_ with them” (Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pgs. 349-350).
7. God’s people shed tears of joy when they realized the Almighty God \_\_\_\_\_ them so much that He wanted to dwell among them.
8. God dwelling in the sanctuary—filling it with His glory—is a testimony of God’s great mercy and forgiveness for His people. They were far from perfect—yet God comes to dwell with them. The sanctuary reveals the full picture of the plan of salvation. The \_\_\_\_\_ reveals our God who loves us and wants to be with us. The sanctuary reveals God \_\_\_\_\_ His people—still infected with sin—but doing so because He’s the only one who can save them from their condition.
9. Exodus 40:36-38, “Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would \_\_\_\_\_ onward in all their journeys. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up.”
10. Not only does God want to dwell with us, but He also wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ His leading step-by-step in the future.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ is coming back to get us because He wants to physically be with us once again.
12. Two appeals: #1: Will you accept His loving embrace? #2: If you’ve accepted His loving embrace, will you extend His loving embrace to your family, your friends, colleagues, neighbors, and community?

Answers: Immanuel, God, willingly, heart, dwell, heavens, Lord, filled, emotion, abide, loved, sanctuary, embracing, go, follow, Christ