

The Promise of God's Presence

Hebrews 13:5b-6

- 5b For God has said,
“I will never fail you. **I will never abandon you.**”
- 6 So we can say with confidence,
“The LORD is my helper, so I will have no fear.”





Three Primary Characteristics of God

Omniscient – All Knowing

Omnipotent – All Powerful

Omnipresent – All Present

Theophany's in the Old Testament

A theophany is an appearance of God that people can discern or experience.

Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden

Abraham –

Acts 7:2–4

“Men—brothers and fathers—listen:

The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham
while he was in Mesopotamia,
before he settled in Haran.”

Genesis 18:1–2

- 1 Now the **LORD** appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day.
- 2 When he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, **three men** were standing opposite him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them & bowed himself to the earth,

Jacob → Israel

Samuel's call –

1 Samuel 1:1-21

21 And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh,
because the LORD
revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh
by the Word of the LORD

Jeremiah 1:4-9

- 4 Now the **Word of the LORD came to me** saying,
5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
And before you were born I consecrated you;
I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
- 6 Then I said, “Alas, Lord GOD!
Behold, I do not know how to speak,
Because I am a youth.”

- 7 The LORD replied, “Don’t say, ‘I’m too young,’ for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you.
- 8 “Do not be afraid of them,
For I am with you to deliver you,” declares the LORD.
- 9 Then **the LORD stretched out His Hand and touched my mouth**, & the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

Isaiah 6:1-4

EMMANUEL
GOD WITH US

- 1 It was in the year King Uzziah died that **I saw the Lord**.
He was sitting on a lofty Throne,
and the train of His Robe filled the Temple.
- 2 Attending him were **mighty seraphim**,
each having six wings.
With two wings they covered their faces,
with two they covered their feet,
and with two they flew.

- 3 They were calling out to each other,
“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven’s Armies!
The whole earth is filled with His glory!”
- 4 Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations,
and the entire building was filled with smoke.



John 1:14-18 NLT

14 So the Word became human
and made His home among us.

He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.
(**grace & truth**)

And **we have seen His Glory,**
the Glory of the Father's one and only Son.





- 15 John testified about Him when he shouted to the crowds,
“This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘Someone is coming after me Who is far greater than I am, for **He existed long before me.**’ ”
- 16 From His abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another.
(**received grace upon grace**)





17 For the law was given through Moses,
but God's unfailing love and faithfulness
came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God.
But the unique One, Who is Himself God,
(Some manuscripts: But the one & only Son.)
is near to the Father's heart.
He has revealed God to us.





The Presence of God – A Curse or a Blessing



No Secret Hiding Places

Psalm 139:1-12 NLT

Psalm 139:1-12 ^{NLT}

- 1 O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.
- 2 You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.
- 3 You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

A silhouette of a person standing on a hill, looking up at a sky with vertical light beams. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, facing left. The sky is a gradient of blue and green, with several vertical beams of light shining down from the top. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

Psalm 139:23-24

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.



COME
Emmanuel

Jeremiah 23:23-24 ^{NLT}

23 Am I a God who is only close at hand?"
says the LORD.

"No, I am far away at the same time.

24 Can anyone hide from me in a secret place?
Am I not everywhere in all the heavens
and earth?" says the LORD.



Psalm 139:4-6

- 4 You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD.
- 5 You go before me and follow me.
You place Your Hand of blessing on my head.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!



COME
Emmanuel

Psalm 145:17-19 NLT

- 17** The LORD is righteous in everything He does;
He is filled with kindness.
- 18** The LORD is close to all who call on Him,
yes, to all who call on Him in truth.
- 19** He grants the desires of those who fear Him;
He hears their cries for help and rescues them.



Psalm 139:7-10

- 7 I can never escape from your Spirit!
I can never get away from your presence!
- 8 If I go up to heaven, you are there;
if I go down to the grave, you are there.
- 9 If I ride the wings of the morning,
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
- 10 even there Your Hand will guide me,
and Your Strength will support me.



COME

Emmanuel

Joshua 1:1-9 ^{NASB}

- 1 Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying
- 9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Psalm 139:11-12

- 11 I could ask the darkness to hide me
and the light around me to become night—
- 12 but even in darkness I cannot hide from you.
To you the night shines as bright as day.
Darkness and light are the same to you.

The Universe

**Outside of
Creation**

Before time — After time

**History of the World
Timeline**



1 John 3:23-24 NLT

23 And this is his commandment:
We must believe in the name of His Son,
Jesus Christ, and love one another,
just as He commanded us.

24 Those who obey God's commandments
remain in fellowship with Him,
and He with them.
And we know He lives in us
because the Spirit He gave us lives in us.

Colossians 1:27 NLT

27 For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing His glory.

Christ in you! The Hope of Glory!



Leviticus 26:11-13 NLT

- 11 I will live among you, and I will not despise you.
- 12 I will walk among you; I will be your God, and you will be My people.
- 13 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so you would no longer be their slaves. I broke the yoke of slavery from your neck so you can walk with your heads held high.

Revelation 21:1-9 ^{NLT}

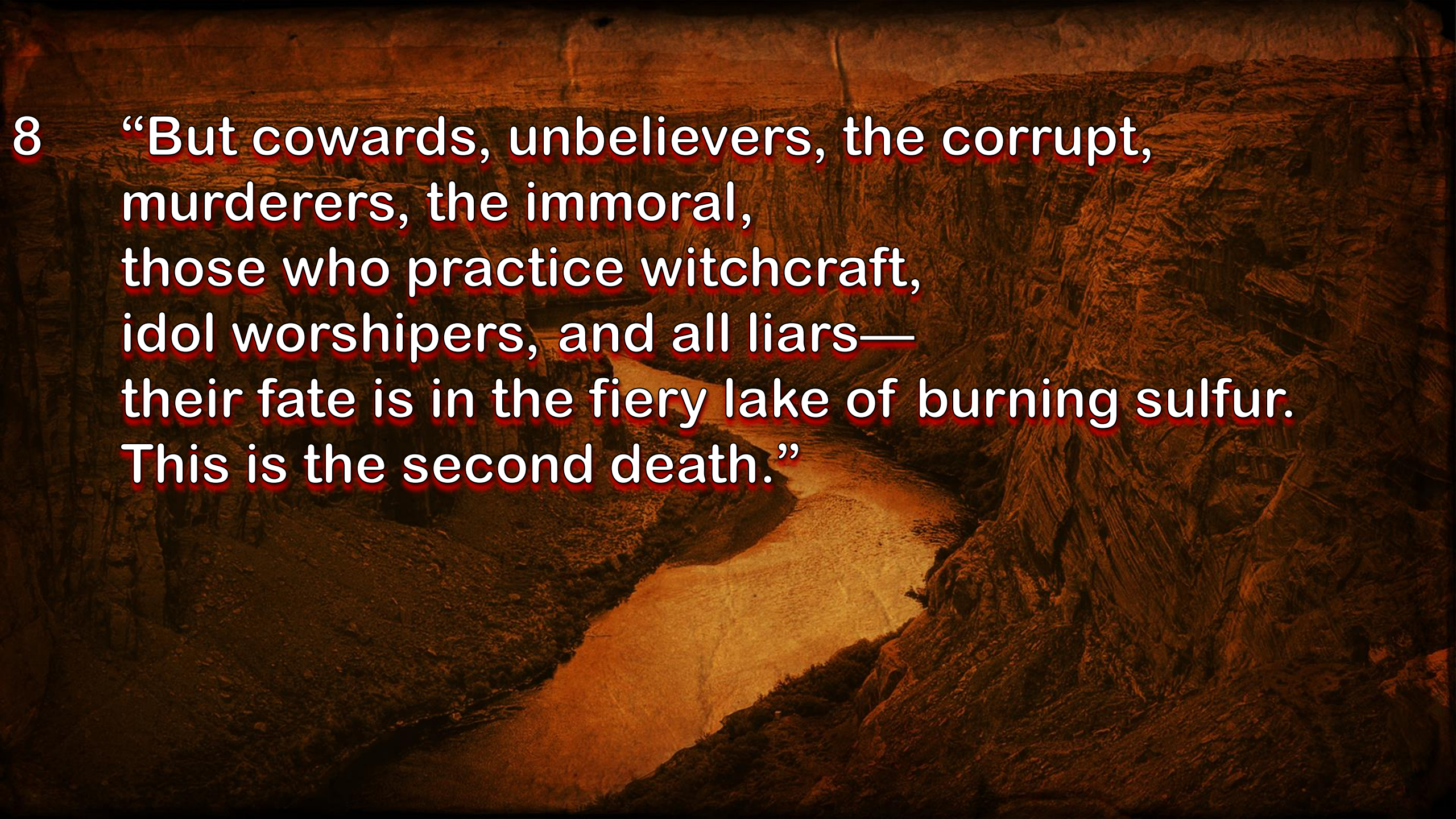
- 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone.
- 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

- 3 I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying,
“Look, God’s home is now among His people!
He will live with them, and they will be His people.
God himself will be with them.
- 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there will be no more death or sorrow
or crying or pain.
All these things are gone forever.”

5 And the one sitting on the throne said,
“Look, I am making everything new!”
And then He said to me,
“Write this down,
for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.”

6 And he also said, “It is finished!
I am the Alpha and the Omega—
the Beginning and the End.
To all who are thirsty I will give freely
from the springs of the Water of Life.

7 All who are victorious
will inherit all these blessings,
and I will be their God,
and they will be My children.



8 “But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”