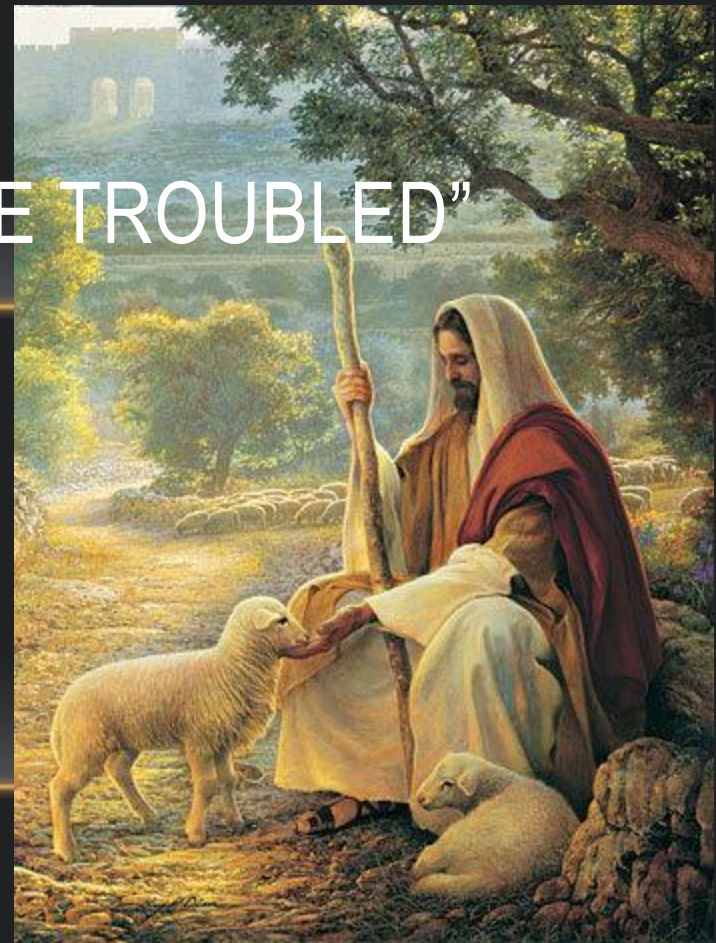


“LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED”

John 14:1



# Living In The Presence of God

- **What is in it for God?**
- **The Experience for us**

# What is in it for God?



# IT IS THE DELIGHT OF GOD'S HEART (1)

- It is the reason why man was created: “And my delight was with the sons of men” **Proverbs 8:31**
- It is why God chose a place for His dwelling in the midst of His people (the Tabernacle, the Temple, the Church)



# IT IS THE DELIGHT OF GOD'S HEART (2)

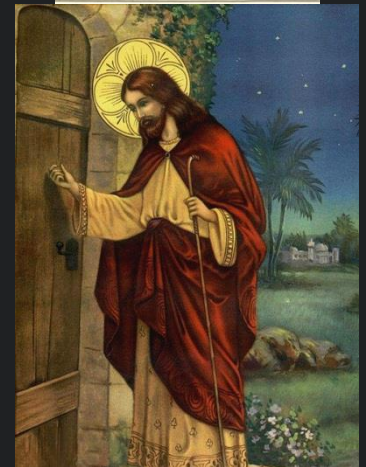
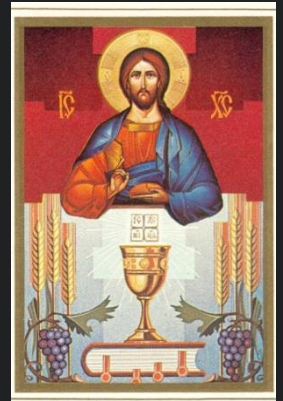
- This is what inspired Him to empty Himself of His glory and come to us.
- Not only among us but in us through His Spirit: “For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them’”

2 Corinthians 6:16



# IT IS THE DELIGHT OF GOD'S HEART (3)

- That is why He gave us His Body and His Blood so we can be always grafted into His Body when we partake of Them.
- This is what He seeks when He says that He is standing at the door knocking, waiting for us to open to Him!



# IT IS THE DELIGHT OF GOD'S HEART (4)

- It is the promise He gave to His disciples so that their hearts would not be troubled: “I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also”

**John 14:3**

- This is the promise He gave to us before He ascended to heaven: “...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” **Matthew 28:20**



# IT IS THE DELIGHT OF GOD'S HEART (5)

- That is what Heaven is all about for Him and for those who love Him: “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people”

Revelation 21:3



# The Experience for us



# 1. IT IS THE SATISFACTION OF OUR SOULS (1)

- “I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness” **Psalm 63:5**
- Being satisfied in God is not a duty but rather a delight: “Delight yourself in the Lord” **Psalm 37:4** and “Serve the Lord with gladness” **Psalm 100:2**



# 1. IT IS THE SATISFACTION OF OUR SOULS (2)

- It is this delight in Him that makes us in need of Him only: “Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever” **Psalms 73:25-26**



# 1. IT IS THE SATISFACTION OF OUR SOULS (3)

- And dwelling in His church becomes the ONLY desire: “One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple” **Psalm 27:4**



## 2. IT IS THE COMFORT FOR OUR FEARS

- “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me” **Psalms 23:4**



### 3. IT IS THE GUARANTOR OF OUR CHANGE (1)

- Enjoying His presence is what stirs our hearts with His love: “And they said to one another, ‘Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?’”

Luke 24:32



### 3. IT IS THE GUARANTOR OF OUR CHANGE (2)

- This heart is the one that feels the needs of others and rushes to serve them.
- It is the one that rejoices and grieves according to God's will.
- It is the one that makes us to love and offer and find joy in doing so.



### 3. IT IS THE GUARANTOR OF OUR CHANGE (3)

- It is the heart that makes us touch the lives of others with the grace of God: “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’”

Acts 2:37



# The Way To This Experience



1. The struggle toward unceasing prayers
2. The submission to His will: “That we ought to give ourselves up to GOD, with regard both to things temporal and spiritual, and seek our satisfaction only in the fulfilling of His will, whether He leads us by suffering or by consolation, for all would be equal to a soul truly resigned” *Brother Lawrence*

