

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

PSALM 140:13

Surely, the righteous will give thanks to Your name; the upright will dwell in Your presence.

HEBREWS 13:5-6

for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?"

JUDE 1:24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

DESCRIPTION

The indwelling presence of God's Spirit is enduring His saints to the end.

VERSES

After God calls the Israelites out of Egypt through His servant Moses, God's presence rests in the tabernacle, but there is an issue the text tells us, "Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle" (Ex. 40:35). For this reason, God calls to Moses "from" the tent (Lev. 1:1), and is not until atonement has been made can Moses speak to God "in" the tent that holds His presence. The reason for this is that sin/death is not meant to enter into the presence of God, which reflects holiness/life. The issue is that this system of atonement was insufficient and there remained a barrier truly being able to enter into the presence of God until the perfect High priest makes the perfect sacrifice (Heb. 9:11-13). Thus, as we sing about the reality of being in God's presence (the freedom, hope, healing, power, and life) may we never forget why we get to experience the blessing of His presence, what it cost, and to worship Christ Jesus whom has made it possible.

CHORUS

This song continues to use imagery from the Israelites picking up the presence of God leading the people through the wilderness (Ex. 40:36-38) as an expression of His compassion and lovingkindness (Ex. 34:6). When viewed again in light of Jesus, we see that we have been given something better than a pillar/cloud of God's presence to follow. And through faith in Christ we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit, His presence in us (Eph. 1:13).

BRIDGE

The chorus and the bridge operate around the same idea. Therefore, we can have comfort in Jesus sending the Holy Spirit, His presence, which resides in and guides us (Jn. 16:13). Again, we sing in remembrance of how God has provided, is providing, and will continue to provide always even to the end of the age (Matt. 28:20).