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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 193

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His dwelling love**. **John 1:14,** "The Word became flesh and made His <u>dwelling</u> among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

The Greek word for *dwelling* is **eskenosen** which means *pitching one's tent, to encamp or to tabernacle with someone*. For hundreds of years, the people had the Tabernacle and then the Temple to go to and see that God's presence was there. They saw it in a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. They knew that God was present and that He could hear their prayers and receive their worship and praise.

But now, God came, not to live in the privacy of the Holy of Holies, but instead to walk, and fellowship in the midst of the people. He had taken on human flesh so that people could actually see Him with their eyes, hear Him with their ears, and even touch Him with their hands. This was the defining act of love designed by the Creator, to allow us to know how much He really loves us. Why would the God of all, limit Himself to a human body? Why would He bear the physical strains that accompany us all? Why would He allow Himself to be brutally beaten and impaled upon a cross? Why? There is only one plausible reason. He loves us so much that He was willing to suffer, even death on a cross, so that our sins could be covered and we could receive forgiveness. Believe me when I tell you this: God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you! And so He came to live among us. He has proved His love over and over again. Please don't turn away from His love for you.

Dear Father, thank You for coming to dwell among us so that we could see Your glory. We can experience Your grace and truth. We praise You Lord. In Jesus Name, Amen