

Jesus Made a Special Promise in the Great Commission
(Matthew 28:19-20)

Introduction:

1. These verses record Matthew's account of the Great Commission.
2. In His Great Commission Jesus gave some important instructions, including:
 - a. teaching
 - b. baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
 - c. teaching all things that Jesus commanded.
3. In His Great Commission Jesus also made a special promise.
4. In our lesson we are concentrating on the Lord's promise.

Discussion:

- I. JESUS PROMISED TO BE WITH HIS FOLLOWERS
 - A. Jesus made this promise in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:20b).
 - B. Jesus said He would "always" be with His followers.
 - C. Jesus is with those who gather together in His name (Matthew 18:20).
- II. THE LORD'S FOLLOWERS ARE BLESSED BY HIS PRESENCE IN VARIOUS WAYS
 - A. Jesus is our "mediator" (1 Timothy 2:5).
 1. A mediator is a go-between, one who mediates between 2 parties to make peace.
 2. To illustrate, Moses served as a mediator between the Israelites and God (Exodus 32:7-14).
 3. Jesus is the "*one mediator between God and men.*"
 - B. Jesus is our "intercessor" (Romans 8:34).
 1. An intercessor is one who makes a petition on behalf of someone else.
 2. According to Hebrews 7:25, Jesus "*ever liveth to make intercession*" for those who "*come unto God by Him.*"
 - C. Jesus is our "High Priest" (Hebrews 3:1).
 1. One of the main functions of the High Priest is to offer sacrifices on behalf of the people (Hebrews 8:3).
 2. Jesus offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice once for all (Hebrews 7:26-27; 10:11-14).
 3. As High Priest, Jesus provides special blessings [empathy, mercy, and grace] to His followers (Hebrews 4:14-16).
 - D. Jesus is our "advocate" [a counselor, one who pleads the case of someone else] (1 John 2:1-2).
- III. TWO OF THE LORD'S GREATEST SERVANTS SHOW HOW HE IS WITH HIS FOLLOWERS
 - A. Stephen knew that Jesus was with him when he was killed (Acts 7:54-60).
 - B. Paul knew that Jesus was with him when he was in prison (2 Timothy 4:16-18).

Conclusion:

1. This morning we studied passages that relate to "revival."
2. Remembering that the Lord is always with His followers will revive the spirit.