

How Can I Know That God Is With Me?

I Kings 11:36-40

I. The Lord Was With These...

- Joseph → And the Lord was with Joseph...the Lord was with Joseph. (Gen. 39:2,21)
- Moses → And He said, "Certainly I will be with you, ...(Ex. 3:10-12)
- Joshua → As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (Josh. 1:5; Num. 14:8-9)

II. How Do I Know That God Is With Me? (I Kings 11:38)

•36 But to his son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may have a lamp always before Me in Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen for Myself to put My name. 37 I will take you, and you shall reign over whatever you desire, and you shall be king over Israel. 38 Then it will be, that if you listen to all that I command you and walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight by observing My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build you an enduring house as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you. 39 Thus I will afflict the descendants of David for this, but not always." 40 Solomon sought therefore to put Jeroboam to death; but Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt to Shishak king of Egypt, and he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

III. How Do I Know That God Is With Me? (I Kings 11:38)

•God said → Listen to all that I command you...

–Who do we listen to?

- Preachers → Acts 17:11
- Relatives → Gal. 2:14
- Tradition → Matt. 15:3

–Jesus glorified the Father by doing only His will. (Jn. 5:30; 12:47-50; 14:30-31)

- Today God speaks to us through His Son. (Heb. 1:1-3)
- We can read his will and understand it. (Eph. 3:3-5)

–We must listen to ALL that God commands. (Acts 10:33)

- In our personal relationships.
- In the work and worship of the church.
- In terms of salvation

•God said → Walk in My ways...

–For God to be with us, we must walk in His way.

–Jeroboam very soon departed from God's way. (I Kings. 12:26-33)

- Changed every aspect of worship from God's way to his own way.
- His attitude was I know God said do it this way, but...

–Many today look at God's way the same way that Jeroboam did. "I know the Bible says that, but..."

–Jer. 6:16-17

•God said → Do what is right in My sight...

–We must choose to do what is right. (Eph. 6:1)

–We know what is right by listening to God. (Ps. 119:128,172)

–It is never right to do what is wrong. Never a situation of circumstances where it is right to transgress God's law.

- We live in a culture that is dominated by moral relativism, situation ethics...
- Many believe that what is right or wrong depends on the situation in which you find yourself.
- We must be determined to do what is right even...
 - When it is not popular.
 - When "everyone else" is doing something else.
 - When it cost us something.
 - When we do not see the reason for it.