

# God Promises His Presence

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Bible Text: [1 Samuel 12:20](#)

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Key Idea: **God promises His presence**

*And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; ([1 Samuel 12:20](#))*

The wickedness (evil) here refers to Israel's demand for a new king instead of God as their King.

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*"You have done all this wickedness, **yet...**"* God is a God of second chances. He is God of **grace, forgiveness and restoration.**

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*"...turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart;"*

Q: Do we **long** for God's presence in your life?

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*And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after **vain things**, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain. [1 Samuel 12:21](#)*

Don't be distracted. Don't pursue empty things.

Q: What are the "**empty things**" you seek?

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**The presence of God will never let you down.**

[1 Samuel 12:22](#) - *for the Lord will not forsake His people for His great name's sake.*

**His promised presence is based on HIS unconditional love, not on YOUR performance.**

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Q: How will you **respond** to the promise of God's presence?