

- Introduction**
1. We are called to live in readiness and hope...
  2. Not full of anxiety... *Matthew 6:34*
  3. Not with worldly confidence... *James 4:13-15*
  4. Trusting in the Word of God... *Proverbs 3:5-6*

**Observation:** God's Word has many encouragements...

**I. We Are the Temple of the Living God...**

**A. God is a Covenant God...**

**B. Our Blessing is in the Way of Sincere Obedience...** *Exodus 19:5; Titus 2:11-14*

**C. Old Testament Tokens of God's Gracious Presence...**

Their fulfillment is found in Christ...

**II. God Walks Among Us**

**A. He Delights in us...** *I John 1:1-4; John 17:20-21; I Corinthians 1:9*

**B. This is A Source of Great Comfort and Peace...**

1. It means so much more than He simply goes along with us...

2. It means focused, active care... *I Peter 5:7*

3. It means powerful protection... *Revelation 2:1*

**III. The God Who Walks Among us is In Control**

**A. The New Year Brings a Measure of Uncertainty...**

**B. God Rules in Heaven and on Earth...** *Romans 11:33-36 cf. Romans 8:28*

**C. God Rules All Things...** *Isaiah 14:24, 27; Ephesians 1:1-11*

**Observation:** *If God is for us who can be against us... Revelation 19:6; Psalm 97:1*

**Application:** How should we live not only in the New Year but in all the days God has for us?

1. In Submission to God...

2. Always Resting in God... *Hebrews 13:5-6; Isaiah 26:3-4*