

# **“I’ll Be There.” Surefire Times God Shows Up**

“Sing Unto the Lord a New Song: Meditations From the Book of Psalms.” Message Magazine’s Online Devotional for Thursday, July 19, 2018

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“The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit” (Psalm 34:18).

## **Surefire**

There are a few surefire ways to invoke the presence of God. He said where two or three are gathered together in His name, in unity, He would be in our midst. The psalmist said that Our Lord inhabits the praises of His people. The Lord commanded Moses to have His people to build Him a sanctuary, so He could dwell among them. Isaiah implores us to seek the Lord while He is near and can be found. On an on I could go, demonstrating the many invitations God has made to us to experience His presence.

One seemingly negative guarantee to experience the presence of God is when His people are brokenhearted, afflicted, comfortless, and discouraged. He has promised to be near those who need Him most. He said He would comfort the poor in spirit. He said, He would come near to those whose hearts are downcast. This is no small matter. And obviously, this is not a strategy we should adopt just to be near to God. He said we should call on Him in the day of trouble, and He will answer; while we are yet speaking, we shall hear.

## **Just When I Need Him Most**

So, whenever you are sad and need a pick me up, just know that God is near. At the time you need Him most, He will make His presence known and will not leave you comfortless. He will save you from the snare of discouragement, doubt, misery, and sadness, if you surrender your trust to Him.

Sing unto the Lord a new song. Celebrate God’s willingness to come near when we need Him most.