

Welcome to Fellowship



THE RELATIONAL PRESENCE OF GOD

Christmas Offering



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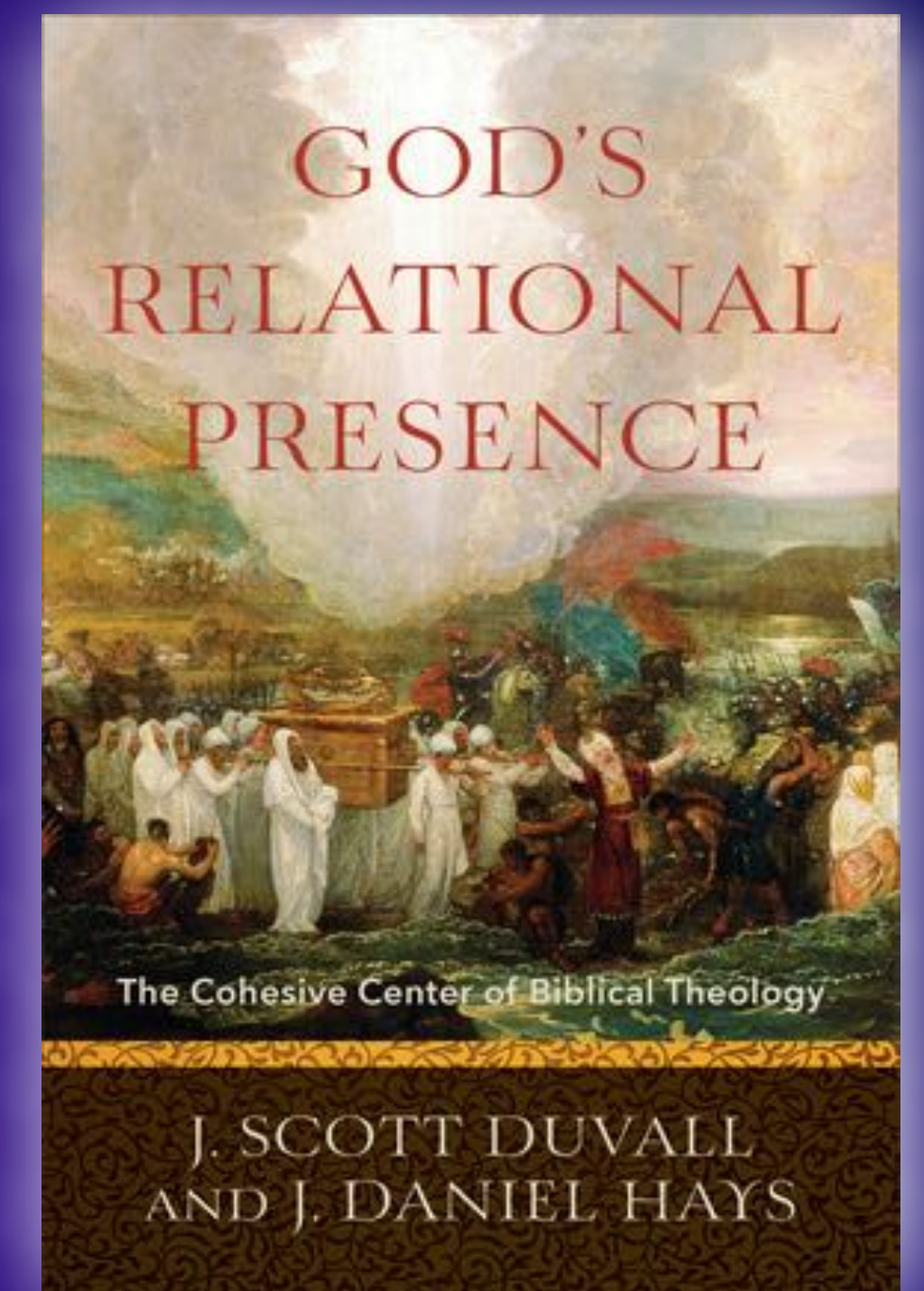




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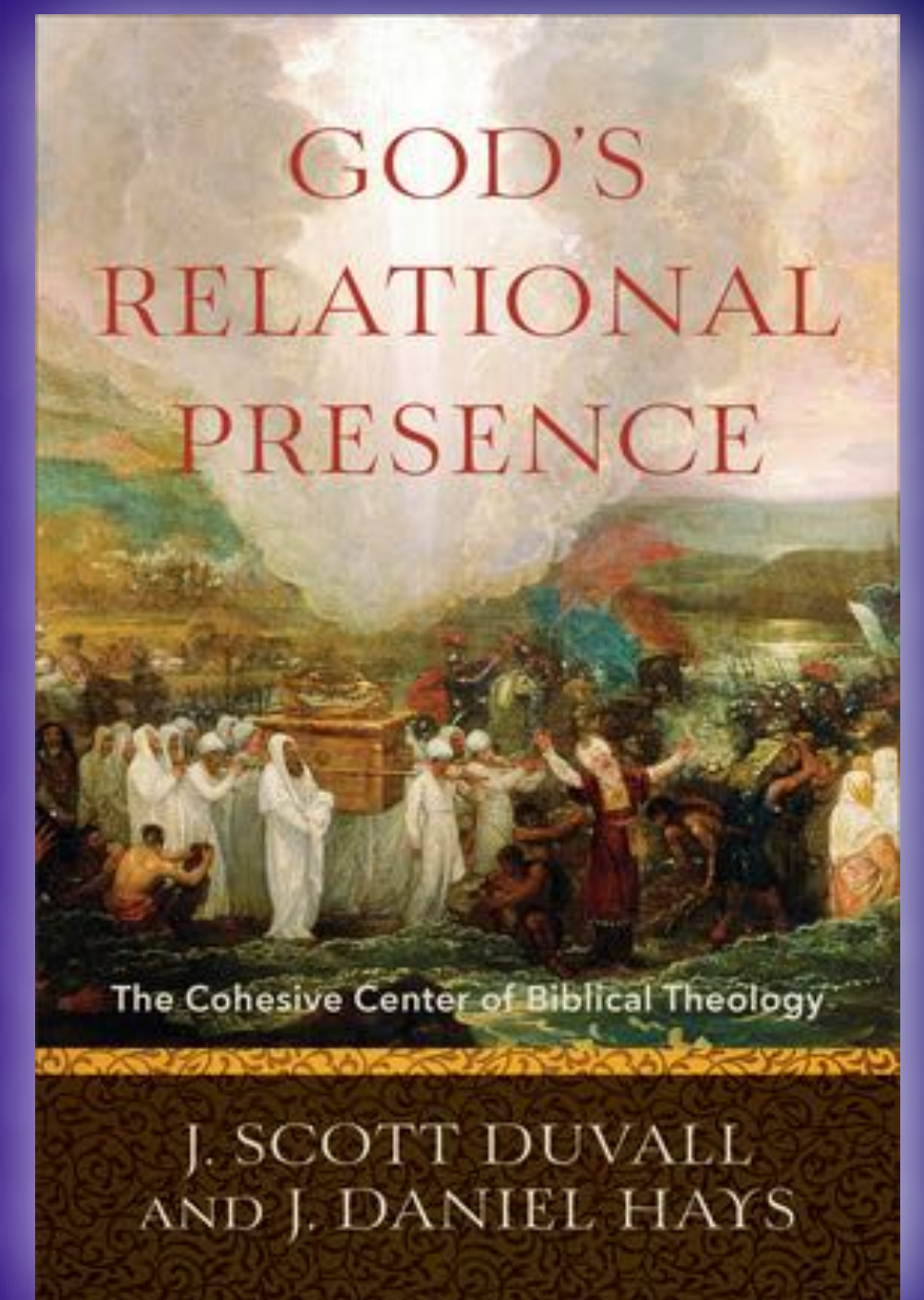
From an overall biblical narrative point of view, the cohesive center of biblical theology must be that megatheme that drives the plot of the story from beginning to end.

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Our basic thesis is that the Triune God desires to have a personal, encountering relationship with his people and enters into his creation in order to facilitate that relationship.

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There is more
to the presence of God
than His omnipresence.



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REVIEW:

The Relational Presence of God

- IN THE BEGINNING: Design and Desire
- IN A PLACE: Tabernacle and Temple
- IN THE PROPHETS: Prophesied and Pictured

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Jesus Christ



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Emmanuel: God with Us

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

- God is always with us - Omnipresence
- God wants to be in relationship with us - Relational Presence

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Matthew 1:22-23

We Tabernacled Among Us

The Word became flesh and (σκηνώω) made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- The place became a Person
- The Person reconciled us to God

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John 1:14

He Tabernacled Among Us

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

- The place became a Person
- The Person reconciled us to God

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Romans 5:10

He Tabernacled Among Us

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

- The place became a Person
- The Person reconciled us to God

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2 Corinthians 5:18-19

*"In Christ all the Fullness of Deity
Lives in Bodily Form"*

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.

- *Jesus is God and nothing less.*
- *In Christ we have all we need.*
- *Cancel the quest for something more.*

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Colossians 2:9-10

God's relational presence
in the Person of Jesus Christ
is the path to a reconciled
relationship with God.

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Next Steps:

- Take time to thank God for His gracious, wise, and loving plan to reconcile us to Himself.
- Focus on the humility and sacrifice of Christ that makes a relationship with God possible.
- Rely on the Holy Spirit to live consistently in relationship with God.

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The Beginning and the End

Genesis 1-3

Revelation 20-22

“In the beginning God create the heavens and the earth.” (1:1)	“I saw a new heaven and a new earth.” (21:1)
“The darkness He called night.” (1:5)	“There will be no night there.” (21:25)
“God made two great lights (the sun and the moon).” (1:16)	“The city has no need for the sun or moon.” (21:23)
“In the day you eat of it you will surely die.” (2:17)	“There will be no more death or sorrow.” (21:4)
Satan appears as the deceiver of mankind. (3:1)	Satan disappears into the lake of fire forever. (20:10)
Shown a garden into which devilment entered (3:6-7)	Shown a city and nothing will defile it (21:27)
The walk of God with mankind is interrupted (3:8-10)	The walk of God with man is resumed (21:3)
Initial victory of the serpent (3:13)	Ultimate victory of the Lamb (20:10; 22:3)
“I will greatly multiply your pain.” (3:16)	“There will be no more pain.” (21:4)
“Cursed is the ground for your sake.” (3:17)	“There will be no more curse” (22:3)
Man’s dominion damaged in the fall of Adam (3:17-19)	Man’s dominion restored in the reign of Christ (22:5)
First paradise is closed (3:23)	New paradise is opened (21:24-26)
Access to the tree of life is lost in Adam (3:24)	Access to the Tree of Life regained in Christ (22:14)
They were driven from God’s presence (3:24)	We shall “see His face.” (21:3, 22:4)