

Our Immanent God

How Does Messiah Sing This Song of Praise?

God Has Drawn Near to Us to Save Us (18).

Jesus the Righteous One, Came as Promised (19-20).

Jesus Was Condemned to Death to Give Us Life (21-22).

Re-read (sing) with This *Christ-Centered* Understanding.

Application—Celebrate Our Life in Christ with Joy!

CONCLUSION: This Christmas as we celebrate the good news that the God of the Universe has drawn near to us, do you truly know His immanence? Not just do you feel His proximity, but do you know with *the confidence of supernatural faith* that the Lord is near to you in all your brokenness? Do you know that “there is now therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” and that that includes you? Do we as a congregation understand our nearness to God through Christ in ways that free us to radically love others with the outrageous love Jesus has lavished on us? May the Holy Spirit continue His work in assuring us of our security in Christ so that we may!

Psalm 34:18-22 ESV

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.
He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.
Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

What Child Is This?

1 What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

1 God rest you merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray

Refrain
O tidings of comfort & joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort & joy

2 From God our heav'nly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name

3 Fear not then said the angel
Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Savior
Of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might

4 The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind
And left their flocks a—feeding
In tempest storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway
The Son of God to find

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing,

3.No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found,

2 Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy,

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love,