

Sermon Notes – God Came Down 12.15.2024

~ Joy to the World ~ By Isaac Watts

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
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And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

“The Lord Has Come” – The Gospel Message Was Beginning to Move from Prophecy to History

Q: Why Would Someone Believe the Gospel?

Why would an Unbeliever Make Room in their heart for Jesus?

A: The Powerful Witness of the Holy Spirit...That is Our Hope When We Speak and Live.
Somehow, That the Holy Spirit Would Use Our Words and Deeds to Reach that Lost Soul for Jesus

So, As We Consider How We Should Be Changed By The Story of Jesus Coming Into this World;
I want Us to Consider One of the Last Things He Said Before He Went Back to the Father in Heaven:

John 20:21-22 So Jesus said to them again, **"Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."** **22** And when He had said this, **He breathed on them and *said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."**

We, Who Have Received Jesus and Know Him Are “Sent” by the Lord

Watch for the Opportunities to Do the Good that God Has Prepared for Us

Ephesians 2:10 **For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.**

Pray to be Filled with the Holy Spirit – Lord, Use us to Open Unbeliever’s Hearts to Receive You

The Story of the Holy Birth – When the Lord Came Down from Heaven

Matthew 1:18-23 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. **19** And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. **20** But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. **21** "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." **22** Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: **23** "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

Luke 2:1 Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the

inhabited earth. **2** This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. **4** Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, **5** in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. **6** While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

8 In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; **11** for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." **15** When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." **16** So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. **17** When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. **18** And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. **19** But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. **20** The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

He was Born into this World,

...Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. **Luke 2:52**

" He went about **doing good** and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." **Acts 10:38**

... The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. **1 John 3:8**

You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.**1 John 3:5**

"... I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly. John 10:10

For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

John 6:33

We Are the Evidence: He Came for Us and then Sowed Us to Win the World

John 17:20-21 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.