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# How Great Our Joy

## Hymn 182



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# Advent Observance

# It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

## Hymn 197



# Away In A Manger

## Hymn 185





# Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

[plbiblechurch@gmail.com](mailto:plbiblechurch@gmail.com)

***We would love to pray for God's will to be done  
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and  
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***

# Receiving of the Offering



**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:  
Promise Land Bible Church  
PO Box 1437  
Mountain Home, AR 72653**

# ***Famous Quote:***

*“Scratching people where they itch and addressing their ‘felt needs’ is a stratagem of the poor steward of the oracles of God. This was the recipe for success for the false prophets of the Old Testament.”*

**R. C. SPROUL**

An open book is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with small, dense text, likely a Bible. The background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is overlaid in the center of the book's pages.

# **Today's Message**

## **“For To Us”**

**Scripture text: Isaiah 9:1-7**

**Isaiah 9:3-6** You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. **For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.** For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

In these verses **Isaiah spoke of the coming Deliverer who will effect the changes in the nation** of which the prophet had been speaking. The **Messiah's coming** will lead the nation into joy and prosperity, **which had been lacking for years.** His coming will fulfill the promises to Abraham and David about the prosperous kingdom. The “child” motif again is evident (v. 6; cf. 7:14–16; 8:1–4, 18). **The Child will grow up to be the Deliverer (9:7),** not a sign (8:18) of deliverance but **the Deliverer Himself.** He will effect the changes necessary for prosperity and spirituality to come to the nation.

**Judges 6:11-13** Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "**The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor.**" And Gideon said to him, "**Please, sir, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.**"



**Isaiah 59:1-4** Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, **that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness. No one enters suit justly; no one goes to law honestly; they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies, they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity.**

**James 4:1-4** What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? **Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?** You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. **You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.** You adulterous people! **Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**

**Isaiah 9:6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Isaiah 7:14-16** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. **Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.** He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, **the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.**

**Luke 1:34-37** And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy--the Son of God.** And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. **For nothing will be impossible with God.**"

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. **Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**

**A time will come when gloom and darkness (8:22) will be a thing of the past. The gloom on the northern section of Israel came because of discipline. God humbled ... Zebulun and ... Naphtali for a while.**

Though Isaiah was probably using these two tribal names to represent the Northern Kingdom, **it is striking that Jesus' upbringing and early ministry was mostly in that very area near the Sea of Galilee.** His presence certainly "honored" that area. **In 732 b.c. this northern portion of Israel became an Assyrian province** under Tiglath-Pileser III, thus humbling the people there and putting them in gloom. Under Gentile domination, **that area was called Galilee of the Gentiles.**

**Almighty God is allowing us here in the USA to be humbled!**

**Why, because we have turned away from the living God ...**

**Romans 1:21-23** For although they knew God, **they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him**, but they **became futile in their thinking**, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.**

**H. O. P. E.**

**His  
Overcoming  
Power  
Everyday**

**1 John 5:17-20 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death. We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.**

**Luke 2:9-14** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

# The First Noel

## Hymn 179

