

O, Holy Child of Bethlehem

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Hello! This is Dorothy ---

I would like you to turn to **Luke chapter 2** as we read about the city of David. You know this as the place which is known in a special way because it is called Bethlehem. Bethlehem of Judah. What do you know about that city? The eastern hill was inhabited by the Jebusites before it was conquered by David. It was situated on the Plateau of Commanding Height. We are told, by historians, that it is 2,500 feet above the Mediterranean and 3,800 feet above the Dead Sea. The Jebusites really felt they were in the most impregnable place in their natural rock area for defense; they had stout walls and gates and towers. In fact, they felt so secure that they taunted David and the Israelites with the words, "You come up here and we have the blind and lame take care of you and ward you off!" That little story is in **2 Samuel 5:8**. Little did they know how David came and nothing was impossible for him to accomplish because God intended him to go and to take that territory. Have you ever looked out on the impossibility of what is before you and felt there is no way this could be conquered? Oh, look to Jesus and what Jesus wants to be done in His mighty Name, go in and take the territory! Don't let Satan have it, and in the mighty Name of Jesus, count upon the victory! And give the Lord all the praise!

In **2 Samuel chapter 5, verse 9**, we read - **So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David.** In the city of David, we see something spoken of in **Micah 5:2 - But thou, Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel . .**

The Creator Spirit Himself wrought this divine miracle. The appearance of Our Saviour among mankind was direct and the most immediate act of deity as far as His body was concerned. But as to His Spirit, it was a voluntary emptying of His part- **The Word was made flesh. . . -John 1:14.** I don't think we understand that Jesus made a choice to come. Jesus made a choice and it was a choice of pure grace. Jesus Christ is God's love gift to the world; believers are the Father's love gift to Jesus Christ. Just think about that. When Jesus Christ came as God's love gift to the world, did you realize it was meant, as you came to know the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour, that you are part of this love gift? Do you understand what this means in the value of the Godhead? Do you understand that your life is not your own, not only here on earth, but in eternity?

It tells us in **1 Timothy 3:16 - . . . great . . . is the mystery of godliness. God was manifest in the flesh** *or in the Amplified -*

And great and important and weighty, we confess, is the hidden truth (the mystic secret) of godliness. He [God] was

made visible in human flesh, justified and vindicated in the [Holy] Spirit, was preached among the nations, believed on in the world, [and] taken up in glory.

That awesome verse makes me say, deep within my being, “O come, come, let us adore Him.” Will you do that today? Will you say, *Lord, I adore You, Christ the Lord.*’

I love that little hymn - *O Holy Child of Bethlehem*. He is Holy, Holy. He is the Holy Child. We receive the Holy Spirit when we receive Christ. What is this about living my own life and not being too involved with holiness?

— O, Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us (that’s you & me), we pray
Cast out our sins, and enter in;
Be born in us today!
O, come to us; Abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel! —

God is asking you to receive Him through His Son Christ Jesus. This is an important life-changing issue which will effect eternity. Write today and receive the book we will give to help.

In Jesus’ lovely Name. We are praying for you. Amen.

