Redeeming Love

From God’s heaven to a manger, From great riches to the poor,

Came the holy Son of God, A little Child;

From the azure halls of heaven To a lowly manger stall,

Jesus came and here He gave His life for all.

Redeeming love, a love that knows no limit;

Redeeming love, a love that never dies;

My soul shall sing throughout the endless ages

The adoration of this great love on high.

From a loving heavenly Father, To a world that knew Him not,

Came a man of sorrows, Jesus Christ, the Lord;

In my wandering Jesus found me, Touched my life with His great love,

And this Babe has grown to be my sovereign Lord.

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Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;

The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,

The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,

But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;

I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,

And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay

Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;

Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,

And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,

And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.

Glo - - - - - - - - - - ri – a In excelsis Deo!

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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav’nly song?

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Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Glo - - - - - - - - - - ri – a In excelsis Deo!

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See Him in a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heav’n and earth;

Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, With us sing our Saviouir’s birth.

Glo - - - - - - - - - - ri – a In excelsis Deo!

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;

Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above,

While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond’ring love.

O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,

And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv’n!

So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav’n.

No ear may hear His coming, But, in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive Him still The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in Be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

**SEEKING AND SAVING**

**Luke 5: 27-32; 18: 9-14; 19: 1-10**

Jesus stated that He had come to seek and save lost people and to call sinners to repentance. These statements produced both warm response and bitter reaction – and they still do.

1. **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to whom Christ came**

A. **the ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’** [5:32] “*I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”*” (Luke 5:32, ESV)

1. **the openly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** [e.g 18:11] “*The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.*” (Luke 18:11, ESV)

2. **those with questionable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** [e.g. tax collectors]

3. **those who made \_\_\_\_\_ professions of** **faith**

[Psalm 50:16-22; 49:6-15

B. **the ‘\_\_\_\_’** [Luke 19:10] *. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

**1. a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ state**

a. Lost - disorientation [Luke 15]

b. Perish - deterioration [Luke 5:37]

c. Destroy - disintegration [Luke 17:27,29]

**2. an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ condition**

Lost, perished, destroyed

John 3:16; compare ‘eternal life’

C. **the ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’** [Luke 5:32]

1. the Pharisees in the temple [18:9-14]

2. the prodigal’s older brother [15:28-32]

II. **the procedures Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

A. **He sat down with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_** [19: 5-10]

1. by inviting himself

2. by being welcomed

B. **He \_\_\_\_\_ after the ‘lost’**

1. Like a shepherd [15:4]

2. Like a ‘master’ [5:27]

C. **He spoke \_\_\_\_\_ to the ‘righteous’**

1. Go and learn [Hosea 6:6; Matthew 9:13]

2. That means ‘hesed’ rather than ritual

1. **the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christ accomplished**
2. Regeneration
3. Repentance
4. Restitution

D. Rejoicing