

Analog Christmas: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

How can the promise of “Emmanuel” change my life this Christmas season?
(Matthew 1:18-23; Isaiah 7)

1. Emmanuel means God is with us. (Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 7:14)

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Shift our perspective from “God is nowhere.” to “God is now here!”
(Isaiah 43:1-3)

God WITH us means:

- He’s our companion when we feel alone.
- He’s our guide when we feel lost.
- He’s our strength when we feel weak.
- He’s our healing in our sickness.
- He’s our hope when we are hopeless.
- He’s our savior in our sin.

2. Emmanuel means God is for us. (Isaiah 61:1-3; Hebrews 4:15)

God is for:

- the poor
- the brokenhearted
- captives
- prisoners
- those who grieve

3. Emmanuel means God lives within us. (Colossians 1:27 NLT)