



Sermon Notes: November 27, 2016

# O Come Emmanuel

Series: "A Christmas Carol"

Isaiah 9:1-7 • Pastor Paul Bradford

## Intro

In Jesus, our Emmanuel, the deepest longings of the human heart are fulfilled.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

## God's Word

### • The longing for home

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.  
O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.*

### • The longing for victory

*O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of Hell Thy people save, And give them victory o'er the grave.*

### • The longing for vibrancy

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here  
And drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light*

### • The longing for peace

*O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease, Fill the whole world with heaven's peace*

### • The longing to understand

*O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go*

## Our Response

When you are lonely, tempted, downcast, conflicted, or lost, turn to Jesus; he will fulfill your deepest longings.

## Life Application Questions

- What are the deepest longings of your heart?
- How can you turn to Jesus this Advent season to fulfill your deepest longings?
- Are you rejoicing in the Lord for what he has done, for what he is doing, and for what he will do in your life and world?