

## Isaiah Chapter 50 – The Servant, Israel’s Hope

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### OBSERVATION

### INTERPRETATION

### APPLICATION

**I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS** – sung by Jadon Lavik

*I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;*

*I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back.*

*Though none go with me, still I will follow; though none go with me, still I will follow;  
though none go with me, still I will follow; no turning back, no turning back.*

*The cross before me; the world behind me; the cross before me; the world behind me  
the cross before me; the world behind me, no turning back, no turning back.*

*No turning back, no turning back*

**GENERAL OUTLINE OF ISAIAH:** Referred to as the “Fifth Gospel” since the third century!

*Possible date of kings reign” - Uzziah, - 792-740; Jotham, - 750-736; Ahaz, - 735-720 Northern Kingdom of Israel falls to Assyria in 722BC; Hezekiah, - 715-699/686; Manasseh – 687-642*

*Isaiah’s time of prophecy - About a minimum of 40 years and possibly more than 60 years!*

*In the tenth year of Nabopolassar (616 BC) the Babylonians defeated the Assyrian army.*

*Cyrus takes Babylon. In October (539 BC), the Persian king Cyrus took Babylon.*

### ISAIAH 40:1-66:24

*The prophecies of chapters 1-39 addressed Judah in her situation during Isaiah's ministry (739 B.C. until c. 686 B.C.). The prophecies of chapters 40-66 address Judah as though the prophesied Babylonian captivity (Isa 39:5-7) were already a present reality, though that captivity did not begin until 605-586 B.C. The words "'There is no peace,' says the Lord, 'for the wicked'" (Isa 48:22; Isa 57:21) signal the divisions of this section into three parts: chapters 40-48 (Comfort of Jehovah), chapters 49-57 (Salvation of Jehovah) and chapters 58-66 (Glory of Jehovah).*

*Four Messianic Prophecies-Songs of the Suffering Servant: #1 Chapter 42:1-9 -Servant of Jehovah-Jesus; #2 Chapter 49:1-13-Servant of God; Savior of the World; #3 Chapter 50:4-9-Jehovah Adonai-Humility of Rejected Prophet; #4 Chapter 52:13-53:12-Suffering Servant-Jehovah’s Servant-Sin Bearer.*

### ISAIAH 40-48

*The broad section of Isaiah 40 through 48 focused on the promise of God’s deliverance of His people from their captivity in Babylon, and the specific prediction of Cyrus, the Gentile king who would deliver them, Through the section, God shows that His desire to deliver His people proves His love, His ability to deliver His people proves His power, and His prophetic knowledge of the deliverer proves His uniqueness among all gods. Starting with Isaiah chapters 49 through 57, there is no longer a mention of Cyrus, now the focus is on the ultimate deliverer, the Messiah. Though there is still reference to the deliverance from Babylon’s captivity, the real focus is on the ultimate deliverance the Messiah will bring.*

### Isaiah – Bible Timeline

739 BC	Isaiah Complains of Zion's Corruption	<a href="#">Isaiah 1 - 5</a>
739 BC	Isaiah's Vision and Commission	<a href="#">Isaiah 6</a>
735 BC	Isaiah's Prophecy of Immanuel	<a href="#">Isaiah 7</a>
734 BC	Uriah/Zechariah Verification	<a href="#">Isaiah 8</a>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies a Child Is Born	<a href="#">Isaiah 9</a>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Judgments Upon Israel	<a href="#">Isaiah 9:8</a>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Judgment on Assyria	<a href="#">Isaiah 10</a>
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies The Root of Jesse	<a href="#">Isaiah 11</a>
730 BC	Isaiah's Joyful Thanksgiving	<a href="#">Isaiah 12</a>
725 BC	Isaiah Prophecies against the Nations	<a href="#">Isaiah 13 - 22</a>
725 BC	Isaiah's Valley of Vision	<a href="#">Isaiah 22</a>
725 BC	Isaiah's Burden of Tyre	<a href="#">Isaiah 23</a>
725 BC	Devastation on the Earth	<a href="#">Isaiah 24</a>
725 BC	Isaiah's Songs of Praise	<a href="#">Isaiah 25 - 27</a>
725 BC	Isaiah's Further Warnings	<a href="#">Isaiah 28 - 32</a>
725 BC	Isaiah Prophecies a King Shall Reign	<a href="#">Isaiah 32</a>
725 BC	Isaiah Declares God's Judgments	<a href="#">Isaiah 33, 34</a>
725 BC	Isaiah Declares the Joyful Will Flourish in Zion	<a href="#">Isaiah 35</a>
712 BC	Hezekiah's Illness and Healing	<a href="#">2 Kings 20, Isaiah 38</a>
711 BC	Hezekiah Shows Treasures	<a href="#">2 Kings 20:12, Isaiah 39</a>
711 BC	<b>Isaiah Prophecies Captivity and Restoration</b>	<b><a href="#">Isaiah 40 - 66</a></b>
701 BC	Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem	<a href="#">2 Kings 18, Isaiah 36, 2 Chron. 32</a>
701 BC	Hezekiah's Prayer	<a href="#">2 Kings 19, Isaiah 37</a>

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### OBSERVATION

### INTERPRETATION

### APPLICATION

#### *Israel's Sin and the Servant's Obedience*

*Isa 50:1 Thus says the LORD: "Where is the certificate of your mother's divorce, Whom I have put away? Or which of My creditors is it to whom I have sold you? For your iniquities you have sold yourselves, And for your transgressions your mother has been put away. Isa 50:2a Why, when I came, was there no man? Why, when I called, was there none to answer?*

We have God’s answer to Israel’s supposition that He has forgotten them - *Isa 49:14-15 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me." [15] "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely, they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.*

*vs. 1-2a* The LORD’s question to Zion. God does care, and will lovingly confront those in Zion who doubted His care for them. *Where is the certificate of your mother’s divorce?* God says to doubting Zion, “You say I don’t care about you anymore. You say I have divorced you. Very well then, produce the document. But there is none, because I have not divorced you. You will see that *for your iniquities you have sold yourselves*. It is your own fault, and no one else’s.” Here it not that God has divorced them, for it was all a matter of due reward of *sins*. *Why, when I came, was there no man?* Seeing that Zion’s troubles come from their own disobedience, where is the *man* who will stand up for Israel? Who will contend their case before God? No man to stand in the gap – to beseech to pray?

**Intercessory Prayer** “*Men always ought to pray and not lose heart.*” *Luke 18:1* You cannot truly intercede through prayer if you do not believe in the reality of redemption. Instead, you will simply be turning intercession into useless sympathy for others, which will serve only to increase the contentment they have for remaining out of touch with God. True intercession involves bringing the person, or the circumstance that seems to be crashing in on you, before God, until you are changed by His attitude toward that person or circumstance. Intercession means to “fill up . . . [with] what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ” (Colossians 1:24), and this is precisely why there are so few intercessors. People describe intercession by saying, “It is putting yourself in someone else’s place.” That is not true! **Intercession is putting yourself in God’s place; it is having His mind and His perspective.** As an intercessor, **be careful not to seek too much information from God regarding the situation you are praying about, because you may be overwhelmed.** If you know too much, **more than God has ordained for you to know, you can’t pray; the circumstances of the people become so overpowering that you are no longer able to get to the underlying truth. Our work is to be in such close contact with God that we may have His mind about everything, but we shirk that responsibility by substituting doing for interceding. And yet intercession is the only thing that has no drawbacks, because it keeps our relationship completely open with God.** What we must avoid in intercession is praying for someone to be simply “patched up.” **We must pray that person completely through into contact with the very life of God.** Think of the number of people God has brought across our path, only to see us drop them! When we pray on the basis of redemption, God creates something He can create in no other way than through intercessory prayer. (Chambers, Oswald. *My Utmost for His Highest*)

*vs. 1-2a* A classic case of “blame shifting”! Disobedience leads to problems, then man’s tendency is to blame God! **Do we blame God in such circumstances?**

God says, I haven’t divorced you! **How glad are we that God is a covenant keeping God and cannot divorce those He has taken into covenant relationship? What a comfort!**

+*Why, when I came, was there no man?...* Notice here as well as in (*Is. 59:16, Ez. 22:30*) ***Isa 59:16 He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.***

***Eze 22:30 So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.***

***Eze 22:31 Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord GOD.***

Have we thought about it? Somebody to make up the hedge – to fill in the gap, that God might not destroy the nation! A man or a woman to stand! Is it you? Let Him find some here!

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### OBSERVATION

*Isa 50:2b Is My hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Indeed with My rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness; Their fish stink because there is no water, And die of thirst.*  
*Isa 50:3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, And I make sackcloth their covering.*"

*Isa 50:4 "The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.*  
*Isa 50:5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away.*

### INTERPRETATION

*vs. 2b-3*) God does care and reminds Zion of His power. The LORD answers His own question. *Is My hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem?* The answer to this rhetorical question is a definite, “No.” Despite the doubts of Zion, the LORD’s power and authority is beyond question. *I clothe heavens with blackness*: Heaven is in mourning, because of the sin and unbelief of God’s people. “Oh, the sorrow in the heart of God - the pang, the pain, the agony, the suffering - when His children sin! Also, the darkness at the Crucifixion comes to mind: We read that, at high noon, the sun was veiled, and there was darkness over all the land for three black hours. Wonder of wonders, Jesus, who hung bleeding there had wrought that mighty marvel! The sun had looked upon Him hanging on the cross, and, as if in horror, had covered its face, and traveled on in tenfold night. The tears of Jesus quenched the light of the sun. Had he been wrathful, like us, He might have put out its light forever; but His love not only restored that light, but it has given to us a light a thousand times more precious, the light of everlasting life and joy!

*vs. 4-5* The care of God is dramatically shown in the Messiah’s submission unto the LORD. *The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned*: The Messiah now prophetically speaks again, explaining that the LORD God has given Him the ability to speak wisely. But for what purpose? *To speak a word in season to him who is weary. What a glorious use of the tongue of the learned! He awakens Me morning by morning*: The prophet now only telling of us about the coming Messiah, born of a virgin, from Bethlehem and so many prophecies about Him. **Here we’re told about His morning devotional life! For us to observe – time to set aside for our speech to be set aside for His benefit – a powerful capacity of speech to be used for Him in the day when I’m heading out into! Jesus did that! He said He only speaks that which the Father has told Me to speak – over and over again! He received that morning by morning!** Sanctifying our speech, making holy, each day, to begin with a quiet time with the LORD. Also sanctifying our ears – set aside unto God! Further, I was not rebellious. I gave My back to the smiters! My cheeks to those who pulled out my beard! I did not hide my face from shame and from being spit upon. Jesus, knowing for His lifetime, as a man, what lay ahead for Him, but morning by morning, He submitted His will to that of the Father, in order that no matter what price I pay to be obedient to you and knit to that even before the day begins! **This time with the LORD each day to be spent, so that no matter what they do to Me today, I will not turn away! I don’t care what people say, what they do! I don’t care how hard it’s going to be to ovey You! I choose to do that! Each morning as the day begins – “no turning back, no turning back!** *The Lord GOD has opened My ear, and I was not rebellious*: The Messiah, speaking prophetically, looks back to a custom described in ([Exo 21:5-6](#),; [Psa 40:6](#)) where a servant became a willing bond slave to his master. The sign of this willing servant was the ear opened by the piercing of an awl, done against the entry doorway of the master. This speaks of the total submission of the Messiah to the Lord GOD. It was a commitment not motivated by debt or obligation, only love for the master. Jesus was a perfect bond-slave to the Father ([Php 2:7](#)).

### APPLICATION

*vs. 2b-3* God says **why didn’t you call on Me?** You’ve heard and some have seen My miracles -dry up rivers; create droughts; clothe the heavens in blackness. **How often and how quickly to we go to Him as our first and top priority and not our last resort?**

*vs. 4-5* How learned is my tongue? **Do I know how to speak a word in season to the weary? Do I respond in prayer and worship each morning as He awakens me? ... opened My ear, and I was not rebellious – Jesus, the Messiah, was totally willing to be a perfect bond slave to His Father, for ever and ever! Jesus never faltered in turning away, even know the horror of the cross that He would encounter. Serving our Master, we too, can look forward to great difficulties. Will I turn away?**

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<p><i>Isa 50:6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.</i></p> <p><i>Isa 50:7 "For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.</i></p>	<p><i>vs.6-7</i> The care of the LORD is shown in the courageous greatness of the Messiah’s submission unto the LORD. <i>I (willingly!) gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting:</i> This prophecy speaks in chilling detail of the sufferings of the Messiah.. We know that Jesus was beaten on the back (<a href="#">Mar 15:15</a>); beaten on the face (<a href="#">Luk 22:63-65</a>); mocked and spat upon (<a href="#">Mar 15:19-20</a>). There is no specific mention in the gospels of those <i>who plucked out the beard</i> of Jesus as part of His pre-crucifixion suffering, but from this passage in Isaiah we know it happened. What terrible agony Jesus endured! Also, according to Near-Eastern concepts, to have one’s face covered with spit was, the most humiliating suffering that could be inflicted upon a man! Many of us could cheerfully give Christ our money, health and strength, but when it comes to a point of our reputation we respond strongly against that! To be slandered, to have filthy things said of you is too much for us! <i>7 For the Lord GOD will help Me:</i> Amid all this suffering, humiliation, and pain, the Messiah has an unshakable confidence in the help of the Lord GOD. Can we have the same confidence in God? “It is pitiful for the Christian to refuse to suffer, and to become a fighting man, crying, ‘We must stand up for our rights.’ Did you ever see Jesus in that posture?” Instead, trust in the LORD and proclaim, <i>for the Lord GOD will help me. Therefore, I have set My face like a flint:</i> Despite knowing the agony awaiting Him, the Messiah will have a steadfast determination to obey the Lord GOD and follow His way. His <i>face</i> will be set as hard as <i>a flint</i>, and nothing will turn Him aside. This was exactly fulfilled in the life of Jesus, who was determined to go to Jerusalem, even knowing what waited for Him there. <i>Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem. (Luk 9:51)</i> There are two kinds of courage - the courage of moment, which requires no previous thought, and a “planned” courage, which sees the difficulty ahead and steadfastly marches towards it. Jesus had this kind of courage; He could see the cross in the horizon, but still set His <i>face like a flint</i>. <i>And I know that I will not be ashamed:</i> The courage of the Messiah isn’t a blind resignation to fate. It is a confident assurance in the Lord GOD. He can set His <i>face like a flint</i> because He can say, <i>“I know that I will not be ashamed.”</i></p>	<p><i>vs. 6-7</i> A true servant of Christ must make himself of no reputation when he takes upon himself the work of his Lord. <b>Our blessed Master was willing</b> to be scoffed at by the worst and lowest of men. <i>I gave My back</i> means that Jesus did it voluntarily and willingly. <b>Can we imagine the depth of God’s love toward us and still ever think that He does not care for us? Do you know that in Christ, you will never be ashamed?</b></p> <p><i>How willing are we to totally surrender to our LORD?</i></p>
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**Isa 50:8** *He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me.*

**Isa 50:9** *Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me?*

*Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up.*

**Isa 50:10** *"Who among you fears the LORD? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD And rely upon his God.*

**Isa 50:11** *Look, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with sparks: Walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled— This you shall have from My hand: You shall lie down in torment.*

**vs. 8-9** *He is near who justifies Me* - God, who will vindicate My character, and who approves what I do, does not leave nor forsake Me, and I can with confidence commit Myself and My cause to Him. God, in the proper, judicial sense, would declare Him to be righteous; He would vindicate His character, and show Him to be innocent. **Who will contend with Me?** - This question indicates confidence in God, and in the integrity of His own character. **Let us stand together** - Before the seat of judgment as in a court. **Who is My adversary (Who is the master of my cause?)** The expression means not merely one who has a lawsuit, or a cause, but one who is ‘lord of the judgment, the possessor of the cause, or one who has a claim, and can demand that the judgment should be in his favor. And the call here is on any who should have such a claim to prefer against the Messiah; who should have any real ground of accusation against Him; that is, it is an assertion of innocence. **Let him come near to me** - Let him come and make his charges and enter on the trial. If it isn’t clear enough, He says it again: **Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; who is he who will condemn Me?** The reason why **Rom 8:31** applies to us is that it first applies to Jesus, and we are in Christ. If Jesus stands in this place of victory, then all those who are in Christ stand there also. **They will all grow old** - All my enemies shall pass away, as a garment is worn out and cast aside. The idea is, that the Messiah would survive all their attacks; His cause, His truth and His reputation would live, while all the power, the influence, the reputation of His adversaries, would vanish as a garment that is worn out and then thrown away. **The moth will eat them up** - The moth is a well known insect attached particularly to woolen clothes, and which soon consumes them (see the note at **Job 4:19**). In eastern countries, where wealth consisted much in changes of raiment, the depredations of the moth would be particularly to be feared, and hence, it is frequently referred to in the Bible. The sense here is, that the adversaries of the Messiah would be wholly destroyed. The Servant of the LORD challenges all to submit to the LORD as He does. **Who among you fears the LORD? Who obeys the voice of His Servant?** Now the Messiah speaks to His people, and challenges them to fear the **LORD** and obey **His Servant** - the Messiah Himself. Only He who knows how to obey can call others to obedience. **Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely upon his God:** The Messiah guides His people into the path of light. Simply, **trust in the name of the LORD and rely upon your God.** It isn’t necessarily easy, but it certainly is *simple!*

**v. 11** *Look, all you who kindle a fire:* We might think that this fire is a *positive* thing, but considering the entire verse, it isn’t positive. It is more like the *profane fire* of Nadab and Abihu described in **Num 10:1**. If we *walk in the light of that fire and in the sparks you have kindled*, then we shall have **torment** from the hand of the LORD. This follows along the line of the Messiah’s exhortation to **trust in the name of the LORD**, and not in our own efforts before God, which are like a profane fire. Those who ‘light fires’ refers to men who had their own schemes and their own gods. Because they had rejected the light of God’s Word, they would face terrible punishment. **Torment** . . . is only found here but its verb . . . guarantees its meaning of grief, pain and displeasure - even the ‘place of pain’ - specifically the pains of sin under the curse of God.

**vs. 8-10** *Who is among you that fears the LORD, that obeys the voiced of His Servant, and yet walks in darkness and has no light? Jesus is saying, I entered into all this for you! “My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?” Now, if that person is here right now, let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely or lean upon his God. It’s so wonderful to know that Name! Let him lean on Me!*

**v. 11** Notice the challenge to those who refuse the help from the LORD and worship idols. Those who refuse Him and walk in their own light and in the sparks which they have kindled, the LORD promises the from His hand, they will lie down in torment! Are we 100% committed to obey Him and walk in His light?

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#### IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR – Sears/Willis, Ernie Ford

*1 It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold; “Peace on the earth, good will to men, From Heav’n’s all-gracious King.” The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.*

*2 Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, And still their Heav’nly music floats O’er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains, They bend on hovering wing, And ever o’er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.*

*3 For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold, When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold; When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, And the whole world give back the song, which now the angels sing!*

#### O HOLY NIGHT – Mariah Carey - Shea

*1 O holy night, the stars are brightly shining. It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining Till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new glorious morn. Fall on your knees. O hear the angels' voices. O night divine, O night when Christ was born. O night divine, oh night, when Christ was born!*

*2 Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother. And in his name, all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy, name. Fall on your knees. O hear the angels' voices. O night divine, O night when Christ was born. O night divine. Oh night, when Christ was born!*

#### O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL – Latin Hymn – Wade – Boyle Presley

*1 O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*2 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, glory in the highest. O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

#### HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING – Charles Wesley, Nat King Cole

*1 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King! Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*

*2 Hail! the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail! the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die: Born to raise the son of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King !"*

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#### *THE FIRST NOEL – English Carol – Nat King Cole*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel....*

*1 The First Noel, the Angels did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay. In fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel!*

*2 They looked up and saw a star, Shining in the East beyond them far. And to the earth it gave great light And so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel!*

#### *O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEMEHN- Phillips Brooks, Nat King Cole*

*1 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*

*2 For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above. While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth and praises sing to God our King And peace to men on earth*

#### *SILENT NIGHT – Morh/Gruber – George Beverly Shea*

*1 Silent night, holy night All is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin, Mother, Mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ, the Savior is born. Christ, the Savior is born.*

*3 Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face. With the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

#### *JOY TO THE WORLD – Isaac Watts – Handel*

*1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room*

*And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing*

*2 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains*

*Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy*

*3 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness*

*And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.*

*4 Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room*

*And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing!*