



## I. Setting our hearts on the Prince of Peace as we enter the Christmas season!

- A. Revelation of the Son** *"the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined."* (Matthew 4:16, NLT) Lord reveal yourself to our families and community that live in that place of darkness. May they see you as you are!
- B. Salvation** *"And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."* (Matthew 1:21, NLT)
- C. In all this...God was thinking of us!** *"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!"* (Isaiah 9:6-7, NLT)
- D. Rejoice! We have a Savior, a Deliverer!** *"but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"* (Luke 2:10-11, NLT)

## II. Setting our Hope on the Return of the King

Rachel Hauck, Introduction to the song: **Joy To The World**

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.

Joy to the world! 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

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;  
 He comes to make His blessings flow; Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
 Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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, wonders, of His love.

