Heaven Still Rejoices

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- Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
  Let earth receive her King
  Let every heart prepare Him room

- Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
  Let men their songs employ
  While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
  Repeat the sounding joy
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  Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy
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- Where Christ Is There Is *Place – Room - Reason to Rejoice*
- *The First Christmas Featured A Rejoicing Angelic Army*
- The Theme Was The Incarnation Of Christ
- It Was The Birth Of A World-Wide & Necessary Savior
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• (LUKE 2:10-12 NIV)"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. (11) Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (12) This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
(LUKE 2:13-15 NIV) Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, (14) "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." (15) When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."
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• Christmas And Rejoicing Go Together

• “Praising” Describes “Joyful Praise To God”

• Psalm 47:6-7 (NIV) (6) Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. (7) For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

• James 5:13 (NIV) (13) Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise
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• We Can Pray -- Proclaim -- Shout -- Say Our Praises

• Christ Came To Earth To Seek And Save The Lost = Something Worth Speaking -- Declaring
  • Shout It
  • Pray It
  • Sing It
  • Praise It!
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THINKING ABOUT ANGELS

• In The Christmas Account Angels Played An Important Role

• Angels Are Beings Created For God's Purposes

• Angels Are Spiritual Beings Created By God Who Help Carry Out His Work On Earth
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• Angels have several functions
  • Serving Believers
  • Protecting The Helpless
  • Proclaiming God's Messages
  • Executing God's Judgment

• Angels Serve As God's Messengers.
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Heavenly Activities of the Angels
- They Worship God
- They Observe The People Of God
- They Inquire Into The Prophetic Plan Of God
- They Perform The Will Of God
- They Witness The Wrath Of God
- They Rejoice!!

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- Revelation 5:11-12 (NIV) (11) Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. (12) In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"
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- *Eventually The Main Role Of Angels Will Be To Offer Continuous Praise To God*

- **Revelation 7:11-12 (NIV)** (11) All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, (12) saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"
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• *How To Make Heaven Rejoice*

• There’s Rejoicing When The Lost Sheep Is Found

• **Luke 15:7 (NIV)** (7) I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.
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• There’s Rejoicing When The Lost Coin Is Found

• Luke 15:10 (NIV) "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
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*Heaven Is The Place That:*

- We Receive Honor & Have Fellowship w/ King Of Kings.
- We Join In The Great Multitude Of The Redeemed
- There Will Be No More Sorrow.
- We Rest From The Labors Of This Life.
- We Will Be Rejuvenated w/ Energy
- We Receive The Crown Of Life
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• (2 Pet 3:13 NIV) But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.
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- *HEAVEN IS: Free From The Curse Of Sin.*
- A New Order Of Things
- A Whole New Way Of Life

- *The Greatest Aspect Of Heaven: To Be In God's Presence*
- No More Sorrow, Death Mourning, Crying Or Pain
- Understanding Will Be Complete
- The Effects Of Sin Are Removed
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- **HEAVEN IS**: Where God Is
- **He's The Light Of Heaven**
- **He's The Joy Of Heaven**
- **The Home Of The Church For All Eternity**
- **The Glory Of God Fills The City**
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*What Happens In Heaven:*

- Joy
- Happiness
- Activity
- Untiring Action
- An Awesome Place
- Indescribable
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THE WAY THERE...

• John 14:6 (NIV) (6) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
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• Luke 15:10 (NIV) "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

• Angels Rejoice Over Even One Earthly Conversion
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• **ANGELS REJOICE**: Because Of The Importance And Value Of The Soul

• **Mark 8:36-37 (NIV)** (36) What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? (37) Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?
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• **ANGELS REJOICE**: Because Of The Increase In Heaven's Population

• **For Every Soul Won There Is More Joy In Heaven**
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• **ANGELS REJOICE**: The Investment Of The Savior Pays Off

• *He Invested His Life Because The Salvation Of Humanity Was His Very Specific Purpose*
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• ANGELS REJOICE When A Sinners Comes To Christ: Because Of The Reality Of Hell

• Hell Is Real And The Unbeliever Who Comes To Christ Will Be Spared The Horrible Ravages Of Hell
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- *This Christmas Can Be Great*

- *But There Is No Greater Treat For Us Than To Cause All Heaven To Rejoice As We Lead People To God’s Very Best Gift Of Christmas -- The Gift Of Christ Himself!*