

O Come O Come Emmanuel

December 3, 2017 – Pastor Dan Hardesty

Scripture: Isaiah 7:14, 9:2-7, 11:1-10, John 14:27

Big Idea: Strife, darkness, and captivity may be the experience of those in exile, but help is on the way for those who long for Emmanuel.

Living in exile

- Exiles because of unbelief

Driven, wandering, occupied, displaced (Gen 3:24)

- Exiles because of belief

This world is not our home (Heb 13:14, 1 Peter 2:10-12)

Longing for help

- What we long for in the 7 refrains of “O Come O Come Emmanuel”

O Sepientia (Wisdom / direction) Isa 11:2

O Adonai (Lord / justice) Isa 33:22

O Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse / new life) Isa 11:10

O Clavis David (Key of David / freedom) Isa 22:22

O Oriens (Dayspring / hope) Isa 9:1-2

O Rex Gentium (King of nations / peace) Isa 2:4

O Emmanuel (God with us / comfort) Isa 7:14

- Israel was waiting for someone (1 Peter 1:10-11)

The promised Serpent Crusher (Gen 3:15),

Blessing (Gen 12:3), Star of Jacob (Num 24:17),

Prophet (Deut 18:15), Eternal King (2 Sam 7:13),

Counselor, Warrior, Provider, Peace-giver (Isa 9:6-7),

Son of man (Daniel 7:13-14), Rising sun with healing in

its wings (Mal 4:2)

- Rejoice! In what is and shall be?

The kingdom is now and future (Luke 17:20-21, 19:11-12)

- We are waiting for someone (Phil 3:20)

We are citizens of another place longing for:

Desire of nations – to bring peace (Rev 7:9-10)

Dayspring – to bring light (Rom 8:19)

Emmanuel – to bring salvation (1 Thes 1:10)

Learning His peace (John 14:27)

- The world’s key sustains fear (Matt 8:26)

- The Lord is the key that secures peace (Eph 2:13-14)

Do not fear, only believe (Mark 5:36)

Keep your mind stayed on God (Isa 26:3)

Discussion

O Come O Come Emmanuel / Isaiah 7:14

Questions to get started

- 1.) Describe a time when you felt displaced.
- 2.) What do you like most about coming home after being gone?
- 3.) What is something that impacted you from Sunday’s sermon? – “O Come O Come Emmanuel”

Read Isaiah 7:14, 9:2-7, and 11:1-10

Questions from the text

- 1.) How were these prophetic words relevant to the people of Isaiah’s time and to us now?
- 2.) How is the birth of Emmanuel in 7:14 a sign to all men?
- 3.) What is the darkness of Isaiah 9:2? How about today?
- 4.) What are the titles of the One to come and what will He do? Isaiah 9:2-7 and 11:1-10
- 5.) What stories and teachings of Jesus come to mind as you consider the qualities described in 11:2-5?
- 6.) What kind of world does 11:6-10 describe? When will that be a reality?
- 7.) Read Phil 3:20. What does it mean that our citizenship is in heaven? How does that make us like exiles waiting?
- 8.) Read John 14:27. How should this promise affect our lives as exiles?

Questions for application

- 1.) Where do you most need to experience Emmanuel right now? What relationship or situation needs the peace Jesus promised?
- 2.) Read the 7 “O” refrains on the other side. Which one means most to you in your current circumstances?

Pray: Rejoice! Consider how you can pray rejoicing in what is and what is to come. Let the “O” refrains you just discussed guide you in trusting prayer.