

## *Silent Night*

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to Luke 2:16, as we lift up the Name of the Lord. Our topic today is "Silent Night."

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse... The words of the song Silent Night by the Temptations was a staple song during the Christmas holiday around our local community and communities abroad. I still play it every Christmas and it takes me back to many of my childhood memories. So Thankful that Christ the Savior was born.

The smell of the delicious foods, such as roasted turkey, dressing with gravy, savory pot roast, smoked ham cascading with cinnamon sugar and pineapple glaze, sweet potato pie, coconut cake, cherry cheesecake, sweet/unsweet iced tea, cast-iron baked corn bread, and all the traditional trimmings. Can you see it? Remember those enticing aromas and the family working together in unity and in love. The spirit of Joy and Peace in the air and the sounds of Christmas music played on the radio, vinyl records, cd's, cell phones, ipods, and hand held devices. People smiling and exchanging gifts, and the joy of knowing that there was hope of better things to come.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall

be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6) God blessed us with His Son. A savior for our redemption. A sacrificial lamb. Christ had authority from God the Father, and is worthy to be called by name... Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

As we celebrate Christmas, we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It was through the Lord's sacrifice that we are cleansed from our sins. He is God's gift to us. In John 3:16 it says "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Glory to God. My brothers and sisters, when one comes into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, a blessing takes place. The woman with the issue of blood simply touched the hem of His garment and she received her blessing. (Mark 5:25-34). When Jesus touched the unclean lepers, they receive a blessing and were cleansed. (Matt. 8:3). Come on Somebody!!! If you would allow me to utilize my theological mind, when the woman touched Jesus, she received a blessing. When the lepers touched Jesus, they received a blessing. I feel my help coming on... Good God Almighty!!! I just believe that Christmas is an opportunity for those saved and unsaved, to reflect on the Goodness of Jesus and All that He's done for us. It's a time to reflect and truly say "If it had not been for the Lord on our side, where... O Where, Would we be?" We've got a reason for the season and His name is Jesus. When I rose this morning I didn't have no doubt. 'Cause I knew the Lord would take care of

me. I knew the Lord would provide for me and that He would lead and guide me all the way.' I believe we're standing on Holy Ground... Angels standing all around. Now, behold the lamb. The precious lamb of God. When we send up prayers, when we lift up the Lord in song, when we magnify the Lord in our testimonies and in our praise, when we touch the Lord Jesus Christ, I just believe the power of His touch will continue to bless us, and bless others in a special way. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God.

In closing, please take the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior; today. He is the gift of promise. Romans 10:9-11 teaches, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. God has blessed us with the hope of His son Jesus. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6) Mary and Joseph were there with the Lord and *the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.* (Luke 2:16) As Christians the Christmas holiday is a time to reflect upon the birth of our Lord and to celebrate. It is a Holy Day. So we sing... Silent night, Holy night. Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah. Christ the Savior is

born. Christ the Savior is born. Merry Christmas. Hallelujah, Amen.