**SONGS OF THE SEASON**

 **Dr. Kevin Clarkson November 29, 2020**

**“O Come, Emmanuel”**

**Micah 5: 1-3**

What is it about Christmas time?

SOMEBODY is coming…

**1.**  **Our Hearts Desire It**

 We were created for a relationship with God

  **1 John 1:3** that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have

 fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. NKJV

 **Rev 4: 11** “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all

 things, and by Your will they exist and were created.” NKJV

 We will never be fulfilled with anything less

 **Psalms 63: 1-4** O God, You *are* my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You;

 My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. 2 So I have

 looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. 3 Because Your

 lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise You. 4 Thus I will bless You while

 I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. NKJV

**2.** **Our Needs Demand It**

 We are broken beyond remedy

 **Isaiah 1: 5-6** Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more.

 The whole head is sick, And the whole heart faints. 6 From the sole of the foot even to the head,

 *There* is no soundness in it, *but* wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been

 closed or bound up, Or soothed with ointment. NKJV

 **Romans 3:10-12, 23** As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who

 understands; there is none who seeks after God.12 They have all turned aside; they have

 together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.” 23 For all have

 sinned and fall short of the glory of God, NKJV

 ONLY Jesus Christ can restore us

 **Acts 4: 10-12** let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of

 Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this

 man stands here before you whole. 11This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders,

 which has become the chief cornerstone.’ 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no

 other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” NKJV

 **Luke 4: 18-19** “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me

 To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,

 To proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, *to* set at liberty

 those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the **Lord**.” NKJV

**3. God’s Promise Decrees It**

 The Person Who Arrives (v1, 2b)

 **John 1:1, 14** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was

 God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory

 as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. NKJV

 The Place He Appears (v.2a)

 **Genesis 35: 16-19** Then they journeyed from Bethel. And when there was but a little distance

 to go to Ephrath, Rachel labored *in* childbirth*,* and she had hard labor. 17 Now it came to pass,

 when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, “Do not fear; you will have this son also.”

 18 And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name Ben-Oni; but

 his father called him Benjamin. 19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is,

 Bethlehem). NKJV

 The Purpose He Accepts (v.3)

 **Hebrews 2: 9, 14** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the

 suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste

 death for everyone. 14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself

 likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death,

 that is, the devil, NKJV