

# Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne!

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Message taken from hymn #116

For those whom we truly love, we always do the very best for them and we always try to help them be the godly person God wants them to be.

Their spiritual interests are always our main concern for them. With God's help, we always advise them to act in Christlike ways and to be an example of Christian conduct.

And that is why God wants to do the best for us—He truly loves us and wants to save us from what would eventually destroy us. He is our *Counselor* and always guides us in the right way.

God formed a plan that started in Genesis—when Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying Him and allowing self to control their decision that affected the entire world ever after.

God knew from that moment, He had to do something that could save His creation from destroying themselves. Someone *had* to pay the *debt* of everyone's sin. The only way would be through a blood sacrifice of atonement—and only He, as God, could make that *perfect* sacrifice!

And that is why, Vs 1: ***Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown, When Thou camest to earth for me; But in Bethlehem's home there is found no room, For Thy holy nativity.***

Chorus...***O come to my heart, Lord Jesus! There is room in my heart for Thee.***

We know that Jesus, as Lord, AV Psalm 11:4 “*Is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven.*” Also, AV Psalm 45:6 “*Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever.*”

We know that Jesus is the King of kings AV Zechariah 14:9 “*And the LORD shall be king over all the earth.*” And AV Matthew 2:2 “*Where is he that is born King of the Jews?*”

Scripture says Jesus had a kingly crown. AV Psalm 21:3 “*Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.*” And the apostle John saw AV Revelation 14:14 “*A white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown.*”

Now we know that when we act from *self* and we allow the devil to control our attitudes or our responses to difficult situations, that we have *no room* for the Savior.

If the Spirit of God is in our heart, we are *changed* to a different person—we are *not* the one we used to be! We *care* about others and say things that show we *love* them and *appreciate* them—we are *glad* God has put them in our life.

But if the spirit of *self* is in control, we *don't care* what we say; we *don't care* if they are offended by the words we use or the treatment we give them.

The chorus of our hymn is our invitation for God to come into our heart—He has *inspired* us to make room for the Savior. We *want* and *need* Jesus to be in our heart 24/7—never a time when He isn't. But that is more than *words*, it must result in our *acting* in godly ways toward everyone!

Vs 2: ***Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, Proclaiming Thy royal degree; But in lowly birth Thou didst come to earth, And in greatest humility:***

Chorus...***O come to my heart, Lord Jesus! There is room in my heart for Thee.***

The angels proclaimed AV Luke 2:14 “*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will*

*toward men.*” And with God's help, we can be that instrument of peace with family, friends, and at any time in *all* situations.

AV Hebrews 12:14 “*Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.*” And NIV Romans 12:18 “*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*”

That is the *humble* example God wanted to show the world—for us to desire the lowly path of life and to ask Him every day to take any pride out of our heart—replacing it with a humble spirit and grateful attitude.

Vs 3: ***The foxes found rest and the birds their nest, In the shade of the forest tree; But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God, In the desert of Galilee:***

Chorus...***O come to my heart, Lord Jesus! There is room in my heart for Thee.***

God provided for wildlife to have necessary things—like shelter and a place to rest, but the Creator of the universe did not have a chair or couch on which to recline. God wants us to *trust* Him for all things in life, and to be contented with what He has already given as a blessing.

When a scribe wanted to follow the Master, Jesus said AV Luke 9:58, “*Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head*” Matthew 8:20.

Vs 4: ***Thou camest, O Lord, with the living Word, That should set Thy People free; But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorns, They bore Thee to Calvary:***

Chorus...***O come to my heart, Lord Jesus! There is room in my heart for Thee.***

God will set us *free* from things that are harmful spiritually—and we all need freedom from the control of self with our attitudes.

The freedom from self's control can only come about because Jesus left His throne in Heaven and came to change our heart by His sacrifice at Calvary.

We all need freedom from wrong desires and unscriptural responses to offenses. The reason there is so much strife, contention, and conflict in the world, is the control of self—it is the nature everyone has from birth.

God will change us and deliver us from doing things that harm people, or saying things that insult them. And maybe we had acted in that way in the past, but now we ask God to *change* our Heart and *fill* us with His Spirit.

Seeing fruits of the Spirit is evidence that God is answering our prayer. NLT Galatians 5:22 *“When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control.”*

We need freedom from selfish and self-centered attitudes—and Jesus has promised: AV John 8:36 *“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”*

Freedom from worldly ways and wrong attitudes and unscriptural responses is vitally important. The religious leaders needed freedom from pride and stubborn hearts—it was Jesus who could give that to them if they would believe Him.

The religious leaders opposed Jesus and would not believe nor accept that He *was* who He *said* He was. They boasted of being Abraham’s children, but Jesus told them that they did *not do* the works of Abraham, *nor* did they have the love of God in their heart as Abraham did.

Jesus said AV John 8:42 *“If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.”*

Instead of a golden crown of a king that belonged on Jesus, these religious leaders mocked and scorned Him—and putting a crown of thorns on His head.

They then crucified Him—it was the worst crime and the worst miscarriage of justice in the history of the world—but God *formed* the plan and *He* was in control.

AV John 1:11 *“[Jesus] came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”*

Vs 5: ***When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing, At Thy coming to victory, Let Thy voice call me home, saying, ‘Yet there is room, There is room at My side for thee.’***

Chorus...***My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus! When Thou comest and callest for me.***

The heavens rang that night when our Savior was born at Bethlehem. AV Luke 2:8 *“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

9 *And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*

10 *And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

The angel then gives instructions on what to look for in locating and visiting the new-born King of the Jews. Luke 2:12 *“And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”*

This is when: *The heavens shall ring, and the angels sing*, because Jesus came in victory—and eventually we will be *with* the Lord as we continue to trust Him in faith.

Right after the angels tell of the signs to look for...AV Luke 2:13 *“Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”*

The shepherds had witnessed an event that surpasses every other event in the history of the world! God had this world-changing news proclaimed to lowly shepherds, and not to the ruling class or religious leaders of that day.

The humble and most important birth ever, would first be proclaimed to humble shepherds; to working-class people whom the world considered of little account.

AV Luke 2:20 *“And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.”*

That is the reminder for to us to *glorify* God and to *praise* His name at all times and with every opportunity we are given to do that. NKJV 1 Corinthians 10:31 *“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”*

How blessed we are that God would leave His throne in Heaven and come to earth to accomplish something that could **not** be done in any other way—paying for our sins by His own Blood sacrifice, and thereby ***changing our life forever!***



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