

SING TO GOD, SING IN PRAISE OF HIS NAME, EXTOL HIM WHO RIDES ON THE CLOUDS; REJOICE BEFORE HIM—HIS NAME IS THE LORD. A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS, A DEFENDER OF WIDOWS, IS GOD IN HIS HOLY DWELLING. GOD SETS THE LONELY IN FAMILIES, HE LEADS OUT THE PRISONERS WITH SINGING; BUT THE REBELLIOUS LIVE IN A SUN-SCORCHED LAND.

PSALM 68:4-6



Good News
for
All People



THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE
OF CHRISTMAS



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PSALM 68:5



THE LORD WATCHES OVER THE FOREIGNER AND
SUSTAINS THE FATHERLESS AND THE WIDOW, BUT
HE FRUSTRATES THE WAYS OF THE WICKED.

PSALM 146:9



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BUT YOU, GOD, SEE THE TROUBLE OF THE AFFLICTED;
YOU CONSIDER THEIR GRIEF AND TAKE IT IN HAND.
THE VICTIMS COMMIT THEMSELVES TO YOU; YOU ARE
THE HELPER OF THE FATHERLESS.

PSALM 10:14



DEFEND THE WEAK AND THE FATHERLESS; UPHOLD
THE CAUSE OF THE POOR AND THE OPPRESSED.

PSALM 82:3



YOU, LORD, HEAR THE DESIRE OF THE AFFLICTED;
YOU ENCOURAGE THEM, AND YOU LISTEN TO THEIR
CRY, DEFENDING THE FATHERLESS AND THE
OPPRESSED, SO THAT MERE EARTHLY MORTALS WILL
NEVER AGAIN STRIKE TERROR.

PSALM 10:17-18



RELIGION THAT GOD OUR FATHER ACCEPTS AS PURE
AND FAULTLESS IS THIS: TO LOOK AFTER ORPHANS
AND WIDOWS IN THEIR DISTRESS AND TO KEEP
ONESELF FROM BEING POLLUTED BY THE WORLD.

JAMES 1:27





FOR ALL WHO ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD ARE SONS OF GOD. FOR YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF SLAVERY TO FALL BACK INTO FEAR, BUT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION AS SONS, BY WHOM WE CRY, “ABBA! FATHER!” THE SPIRIT HIMSELF BEARS WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD, AND IF CHILDREN,

ROMANS 8:14-17



THEN HEIRS—HEIRS OF GOD AND FELLOW HEIRS
WITH CHRIST, PROVIDED WE SUFFER WITH HIM IN
ORDER THAT WE MAY ALSO BE GLORIFIED WITH HIM.

ROMANS 8:14-17





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- ARE MORE LIKELY TO SEE AND EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE WITHIN THEIR HOUSEHOLD





CHRIST HAS NO BODY BUT YOURS. NO HANDS, NO FEET ON EARTH BUT YOURS. YOURS ARE THE EYES WITH WHICH HE LOOKS COMPASSION ON THIS WORLD. YOURS ARE THE FEET WITH WHICH HE WALKS TO DO GOOD. YOURS ARE THE HANDS, WITH WHICH HE BLESSES ALL THE WORLD. YOURS ARE THE HANDS, YOURS ARE THE FEET, YOURS ARE THE EYES, YOU ARE HIS BODY. CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW BUT YOURS.

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