

November 30, 2025

Today's Message

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Today's Main Scripture

Micah 5:1-5

Support Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Further Study

1 Samuel 16; Luke 2:4-16; John 7:42

Main Point

This morning, we begin Advent and our special Christmas series “*Heaven and Nature Sing*” with the beloved carol, **O Little Town of Bethlehem**. As we will see, among several themes emerging from the hymn is a clear emphasis on the incarnation and the deity of Christ!

- A Sacred Birthplace
- A Fulfilled Promise
- A Glorious Truth

Hymn Lyrics: O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Self Reflection:

- 1) What is your favorite Christmas hymn? Take time to sing the words and meditate on the Biblical truths contained as you prepare to celebrate His coming.
- 2) How might you make the great hymns of Christmas a focal point of your home? Consider selecting a good advent devotional and spend time as a family reliving the Christmas story. Be sure to check out the book table for good some really good Christmas reads!



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