

2 Corinthians 8:9 and John 1

Oh What Glory, Oh What Goodness, this Great Gift of Grace and Love!

*God with God in highest heaven
Long before the dawn of time
Pure and perfect, ageless union
Trinity, complete, Divine.*

*God with God from the beginning
Satisfied and with no need
Face to face in fellowship
As uncreated Deity.*

*Then one holy chosen midnight
Something wild and wondrous
God with God in highest heaven
Suddenly now, God with us!
As he promised, God with us!*

*God with God before the time when
Shepherds heard the angels sing
God with God before the moment
Mary held her Child, the King.*

*Then one holy chosen midnight
Something wild and wondrous
God with God in highest heaven
Suddenly now, God with us!
As he promised, God with us!*

Follow along today as we:

1) **Witness the Heavenly Heights of Trinitarian** _____.

(John 1:1-5; Is. 7:14; 9:6-7; Col. 1:15-20; Gen. 1:1-2)

Having 1) *Beheld the Heavenly Heights of Trinitarian Majesty.*

We can now 2) **Appreciate More Fully the Marvelous Christmas Miracle**_____ **and the Costly Price of our** _____.

(John 1:14-18; 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15; Gal. 4:4-5)

For Further Reflection/Application: *Lord help us to be effectually doers of the Word!*

Michael W. Smith's latest hymn, *God with God*, does a fantastic job of presenting the heavenly heights of Divine glory surrounding the long-awaited arrival of the Christ-child. God's holiness, His Trinity, His eternality, His aseity, and many other glorious doctrines and precious truths are proclaimed in this new Christmas hymn. One will not appreciate fully the wonders of the incarnation (John 1:14) without first grasping the deep truths proclaimed in John 1:1f.

God with God is a marvelous summary of John 1:1-18 and leads believers to exalted praise! As an aside, great preaching ought to inspire great song/hymn writing. Great song/hymn writing certainly inspires passionate, biblical preaching!

Other related songs of worship and praise to listen to as you review your sermon notes and worship our Lord and Savior this Christmas: Sovereign Grace Music: *He Who is Mighty. Heaven Has Come to Us. How Low Was Our Redeemer Brought. Who Would Have Dreamed.* Matt Boswell and Matt Papa: *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery. Come Adore the Humble King. The King in All His Beauty.* Bob Farrell (Max Malbert presents Emmanuel). *Is this Not the Carpenter? Man of Sorrows. Though He Was Rich. We Behold His Glory. Emmanuel Theme-Reprise.* Michael W. Smith. *God with God.*

O Come Let us Adore Him! An unbeliever likely wonders, "Why should I care about Christ's birth, let alone join you in worshipping a child who was born over 2000 years ago?" "Why do Christians make such a big deal out of 'Jesus' birth?" Muslim's (erroneously) reject Christ's Deity, in part, because of his human nature (see the song above- *Is this Not the Carpenter?*). Once again, we're reminded that theology is life. What you know and believe impacts how you live! Who you worship. How you view eternity and how you die.

Glossing over the heavenly heights of Trinitarian majesty, as I fear we often do, is no small thing. If we fail to esteem Christ's eternal Divinity, we won't truly appreciate His *sacrificial incarnation* or his *substitutionary death*! We will fail to celebrate the greatest (Christmas) gift!

Memorize John 1:1, 14. 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15.

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