

Introduction:

We cannot have a right conception of God unless we think of Him as all-powerful, as well as all-wise. He who cannot do what he will and perform all his pleasure cannot be God. ...God has power to execute ALL his will! (A.W. Pink)

- Our God is **ABLE** to do His will. He is never frustrated or unable to do His will!
 - Psalm 62.11 - *power* belongs to God
 - Psalm 21.13 - we will sing and praise your *power*

God is Himself the great central source and Originator of all power! (Charles Spurgeon)

THESIS — This text shows 4 ways that God displays His POWER in the birth of Jesus Christ!

I. IN A YOUNG VIRGIN WHO IS WITH CHILD! (18)

Why is the **Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ** really important?

(points adapted from John Frame)

1. Because of the **Truthfulness of Scripture.**
2. Because of the **Deity of Christ.**
3. Because of the **Humanity of Christ.**
4. Because of the **Sinlessness of Christ.**
5. Because of the **Nature of Grace!**

II. IN THE LORD'S DIRECTION OF HOLY LIVING! (19-20)

III. IN THE SAVING PURPOSES OF CHRIST’S COMING! (21)

Note what we learn about this Jesus who saves His people:

- ✓ Note the **EXCLUSIVITY** of this Messiah-King
- ✓ Note the **IDENTITY** of this Messiah-King
- ✓ Note the **SECURITY** of this Messiah-King
- ✓ Note the **AVAILABILITY** of this Messiah-King
- ✓ Note the **PROPHECY** of this Messiah-King

IV. IN THE PERFECT FULFILLMENT OF PROPHETIC SCRIPTURE (22-25)

The virgin birth explains how Christ could be both God and man, how He was without sin, and that the entire work of salvation is God’s gracious act. If Jesus was not born of a virgin, He had a human father. If Jesus was not born of a virgin, the Bible teaches a lie. (Albert Mohler)

Conclusion:

Remember: there are NO limits to God’s saving power!

SONGS

O Come All Ye Faithful!

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
 Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
 Lo, He shuns not the Virgin's womb;
 Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
 sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
 Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Where Is the Holy Heaven-born Child?

To the tune of: "In Christ alone"

Where is the holy heaven-born Child,
 Heir of the everlasting throne,
 Who heaven and earth hath reconciled,
 And God and man rejoin'd in one?
 Shall we of earthly kings inquire,
 To courts or palaces repair?
 The nation's Hope, the world's Desire,
 Alas! we cannot find Him there.

Then let us turn no more aside,
 But use the Light Himself imparts;
 His Spirit is our surest guide,
 His Spirit glimmering in our hearts.
 Drawn by His grace we come from far,
 And fix on heaven our wishful eyes;
 That ray Divine, that orient star
 Directs us where the Infant lies.

See there! The new-born Saviour see,
 By faith discern the great I AM;
 'Tis He! The eternal God! 'Tis He
 That bears the mild Immanuel's name.
 The Prince of Peace on earth is found,
 The Child is born, the Son is given,
 Tell it to all the nations round,
 Jehovah is come down from heaven.

Jehovah is come down to raise
 His dying creatures from their fall,
 And all may now receive the grace
 Which brings eternal life to all.
 Lord, we receive the grace, and Thee,
 With joy unspeakable receive,
 And rise Thine open face to see,
 And one with God for ever live.

All Glory to God and Peace Upon Earth*To the tune of: “O worship the King”*

All glory to God, And peace upon earth,
 Be publish'd abroad At Jesus's birth;
 The forfeited favour Of heaven we find
 Restored in the Saviour And Friend of mankind.

Then let us behold Messiah the Lord,
 By prophets foretold, By angels adored;
 Our God's incarnation With angels proclaim,
 And publish salvation In Jesus's name.

Our newly born King By faith we have seen,
 And joyfully sing His goodness to men,
 That all men may wonder At what we impart,
 And thankfully ponder His love in their heart.

What moved the Most High So greatly to stoop?
 He comes from the sky Our souls to lift up;
 That sinners forgiven Might holy return
 To God and to heaven; Their Maker is born.

Immanuel's love Let sinners confess,
 Who comes from above, To bring us His peace:
 Let every believer His mercy adore,
 And praise Him for ever, When time is no more.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing!

Hark! The Herald Angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King;
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise.
 Join the triumph of the skies.
 With th' Angelic Hosts proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
 Christ, the everlasting lord
 Late in time behold Him come,
 Off-spring of a Virgin's womb
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
 Hail, the incarnate deity

Pleased as Man with men to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.

 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the New-born king!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace,
 Hail, the Sun of Righteousness
 Light and life to all He brings,
 Risen with healing in His Wings.
 Now He lays His Glory by,
 Born that man no more may die
 Born to raise the sons of earth,
 Born to give them second birth.

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 "Glory to the New-born king!"

Galatians 4:4-7 — *But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.*

John 1:14 — *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*