

# Christmas Eve Sermon

## December 24, 2018

Eastside Baptist Church - Twin Falls, Idaho

**So God Came to Us!**

**Or**

**God Gives What is God**

Psalm 85:1-13 and Psalm 86:7-10

Read Psalm 85:1-13

V. 8: "I will hear what God the LORD will say"

- A Personal Resolve: "I will hear"
  - Some will not
  - Some could not
  - Not wanting a report from another of what God said.
  - He will hear for himself
- A Firm Resolve: "I will"
  - Nothing will keep me from this... "I will"
  - No authentic child of God will purposely refrain from God for long. Maybe for a moment or season, but not for long or good.
  - Those disinterested in God will allow hindrances to prevent from hearing God.
- A Sincere Resolve: "what the Lord will say"

V. 8 "He will speak."

- He is God, the Lord
  - Jehovah - the one true living triune God is speaking.
    - The incarnation
    - The atonement
    - The power (the Holy Spirit)Humanity needs all of this
- We can hear - we are spiritual beings who can hear messages from God, who is a spirit
  - What God has to say is what we most need to hear.
  - We hear from our own sinful heart all the time and of what our fellow sinful peers have to say. All ungodly doctrines, imaginations, counsels and general misery and confusion.  
But HERE: the psalmist wants to come away from all of this and hear God.
- What will God say here?
  - "He will speak peace to His people."
    - We have previously quarrelled with him
    - We will have rebelled again and again. But now it is all together different, we turn to him to hear Him.



- Mysterious - but somehow; without confusion, without change, without division, without separation when uncreated God takes on mortal, temporal, humanity clothed as the Christ, the messiah, the redeemer, the savior.
- This incarnation is required for salvation: Heb. 2:17 He “had to be made like one of us in every respect so that he might become a merciful, faithful high priest in the service of God to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- Adapted from Joseph Scheumann, Desiring God  
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Close with reading vv 12-13

He is not a God who left us in our sin, but rather a God who gives good gifts and did for us what we could never do by coming to us!

So God came to us!