

The logo for 'REAL TALK' is centered at the top. The word 'REAL' is stacked above 'TALK'. The letters are white with a thick yellow outline and a 3D effect, appearing to float above a blue and yellow nebula background. The background also features small white stars and a play button icon on the right side.

REAL TALK

DECEMBER 19/20, 2020

SONG LYRICS (1st set)

JOY TO THE WORLD

Let ev'ry heart
Prepare Him room
And Heav'n and nature sing

Let Heaven and nature sing.
All of heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Let Heaven and nature sing.
All of heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders and wonders of His love.

Heaven and nature sing
Praise to Jesus the King.
Heaven and nature sing
To Christ the King.

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10,000 REASONS

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless You Lord

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forevermore

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Yes I'll worship Your Holy name
I'll worship Your Holy name

Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Jesus I will worship Your Holy name
Worship Your Holy name



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OFFERING

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds.
Three wise men seeking truth travelled from a far,
Hoping to find the Child from Heaven.
Falling on their knees,
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due.
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love.
There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne,
Before the Holy One of Heaven.
It's only by Your blood
And it's only through Your mercy, Lord, I come.

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PRAISE

December 19/20, 2020

Various Psalms

Pastor Daniel Hahn

MESSAGE NOTES

God, the Creator of the universe, the one who sustains our lives, our Redeemer and King, is present through proclamation and remembrance. He wants to communicate to us, to penetrate our inner self, to take up residence within us. And as we go through the experience of meeting with Him in this mystical moment of public worship, we are to respond. — Robert Weber, *Worship Is A Verb*

1. Praise inspires gratitude for God's provisions and faithfulness, which in turn fuels our own joy and perspective.

Joy is not a requirement of Christian living, it is a consequence. It is a byproduct that we experience as a result of faith. — Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience*

This joy in Scripture is not dependent on our good luck in escaping hardship. It is not dependent on our good health and avoidance of pain. Christian joy is actual in the midst of pain, suffering, and loneliness. — Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience*

We can decide to live in response to the abundance of God and not under the dictatorship of our own poor needs. We can decide to live in the environment of a living God and not our own dying selves. We can decide to center ourselves in the God who generously gives and not in our own egos which greedily grab. — Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience*

2. Praise humbles us and aligns us with the reality of who God is and who we are as His people.

I think we delight to praise what we enjoy, because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation. It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed. — C.S. Lewis, *Reflections On The Psalms*

3. Praise causes us to stop what we're doing and remember what God has done and is doing.

Worship is to feel in your heart and express in some appropriate manner a humbling but delightful sense of admiring awe and astonished wonder and overpowering love in the presence of that most ancient Mystery ... which we call Our Father Which Art in Heaven. — A.W. Tozer, *The Purpose of Man: Designed to Worship*

4. Praise ignites a fresh passion for God as we seek new and creative avenues of expression.

5. Praise overcomes our greatest enemy who is always seeking to silence any expression of real and lasting joy.

In my praise:

- Am I thanking God for all His blessing to me?
- Am I humbling my heart, submitting myself, aligning myself afresh with God?
- Am I taking time to really stop and think about who I am in relation to God?
- Am I looking for new and creative ways to express my devotion and gratitude?
- Am I aware that praise is actually like doing battle with my greatest enemy?

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE



(Choir Reading: Behold a virgin shall bear a Son and shall call His name Emmanuel.)

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning to the sun above.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, we worship You with this Noel.

(Choir Reading: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.)

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning to the sun above.

(Choir Reading: For unto you is born this day a Savior, He is Christ the Lord.)

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness. Drive the dark of doubt away.

(Choir Reading: He is the Light, in Him there is no darkness at all.)

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
O come, O come, Emmanuel, we worship You with this Noel.

All Your works with joy surround You; earth and heaven reflect Your rays.
Stars and angels sing around You, center on unbroken praise.
O come, O come, Emmanuel, we worship You with this Noel.

(Choir Reading: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of Heavenly host praising God.)

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

(Choir Reading: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill to men.)

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

(Choir Reading: They sang praises with gladness and bowed their heads and worshiped Him.)

Joyful, joyful, we adore You.

(Choir Reading: The Son of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings.)

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You.

(Choir Reading: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and has redeemed His people.)

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COME THOU FOUNT

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the Mount I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus, sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace, how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How would you define or explain the Biblical concept of praise?
- Would you agree that the MOST important thing you'll do this Christmas—is praise? Why?
- Why do you think God gave mankind praise as a way of relating to Himself?
- Why do you think God actually commanded his people in the OT to come together for praise and celebration at designated points (feasts) throughout the year?
- How was this gathering for corporate praise actually a gift from God to the people themselves?
- What does that tell us about the value of coming and worshipping together with God's people now?
- What does it say about us if we aren't praising God?
- Why do you think praising God actually contributes to human joy?
- What connection is there between some sort of physical expression (kneeling, raising our hands, etc) and our focus in praise?
- What are some things you learned (or were reminded of) from our study of praise?
- How would you like the week in front of you to be different because of what we've discussed?