



# *Safely in Your Hands ...*

*A Christmas Message*  
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**W**e were bestowed with a gift that offers us the solution to all our troubles – a Child born on Christmas Day, born to accomplish the purposes of God and bringing them to a wonderful outcome! A Child, upon whose shoulders the government will rest (Is.9:6). He will be Lord of the universe and bring peace and healing to all nations — this Child Jesus, who came into our world as the Son of God.

**T**his is the message of Christmas. But does not real life present us with a different picture? Not Jesus, but His enemy is steadily gaining power. With ever increasing might the adversary is exerting his influence over men and nations. More and more the earth is being enveloped in darkness. Countless numbers of people are affected by the powers of darkness

and no one seems able to check their advance. Yet all this is in fulfillment of the words of the Lord, “Darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples” (Is. 60:2); injustice and lawlessness, chaos and the horrors of sin will gain the upper hand, and His own will be hated by all nations (Matt. 24).

**N**ow at this crucial point in the history of mankind, the birth of Jesus is of the utmost significance. To Him and not to His enemy is given the future dominion – no matter how mighty the adversary may appear to be. The title, “Mighty Victor”, is conferred upon Jesus – and not on the prince of darkness. Jesus’ power lies in His lowliness, freely given out of love for us. This love led Him to Calvary where He was nailed to the cross. Meek as a lamb, the Almighty Son of God lay in the manger as a small, weak Babe, given into the hands of men; later, delivered up to the cruel hands of men, He hung on the cross.



**Y**et this humble, enduring love of Jesus is the very source of His victorious might. The Child Jesus grew up, performed signs and wonders, and proved Himself Lord over death. He rose from the grave and defeated Satan and hell. The Church of Jesus Christ was born. Throughout the centuries, His own have experienced that He is truly the Mighty Victor as His name says. For ever anew Jesus has performed signs and wonders for those who believe in His name.



**B**ut more is said of this Child. “The government will be upon his shoulders.” The dominion will not remain forever in the hands of the prince of this world and his followers who have assumed almost universal control. No, their reign during this last stage in the world’s history will actually usher in the day when Jesus Christ will triumphantly take over all the kingdoms of the world. He will establish His kingdom of peace and salvation. Then, everything will be made new (Rev. 11:15). His victory over all the

nations will be displayed. This Child is born under the prophecy that He would sit upon the throne of David and have a kingdom that will never end! (Luke 1:32f.)

**E**ven now from heaven, Jesus is constantly at work. In apparent weakness He is preparing the victorious outcome of His purposes. He carries out His plans in the increasing darkness of our times.

**A**t Christmas we behold the Child Jesus, so small and insignificant as He lies in the



manger; but His smallness is the secret of His greatness and kingship, and His humility the key to His

authority. He possesses all power and might, for He is the Son of God. In this small Child, lying on a bed of straw, we see the King of

kings. He will be revealed in power and glory at His second coming.



**W**hat a joyful Christmas message this is in these dark days when the waves are raging, and sorrows and hardships try to weigh us down! Indeed, Christmas is a special reality in this very day and age. The Child Jesus has been born. Jesus has come into this world. He yearns to establish His kingdom in our hearts today. Whoever accepts His kingship will find himself immersed in peace and joy. And so the Child Jesus, the Mighty Victor, calls us to His manger, longing to grant us His power and aid. Let us say to Him with believing hearts:



*Dearest Child, You came to darkness,  
Brought Your gleam to  
this earth's night,  
For the world is ripe for judgment,  
Helpless in its woeful plight.*



*Yet Your radiance shines  
the brighter  
O'er our sinful misery,  
And You lead mankind  
in triumph  
Out of death to victory.*

*Dearest Child, You are so tiny,  
Yet Your love flows mightily.  
May the world now re-created  
Follow Your humility.*

*Baby Jesus, little Monarch,  
Ruler of this sinful world.  
Safely in Your hands  
we'll shelter  
When the judgment  
is unfurled.  
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**W**ith this comfort in our hearts, let us gather round the manger and worship the royal Child Jesus.

*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,  
Christ the Lord!*

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