REJOICE 2: Something to Sing About- The PEOPLE Isaiah 9:2-7

Isaiah 8- The Darkness of the 1st Christmas

❖ Politically oppressed, religiously oppressed, just following what everyone was saying and doing, weary, hungry, raging, warring, troubled, anguish, despair, distant from God, alone.

Isaiah 9:1-17- The Light in the Darkness

"NEVERTHELESS, that time of darkness & despair will not go on forever... The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."-Isaiah 9:1-7

O HOLY NIGHT

"O HOLY night the stars are brightly shining it is the night of our dear Savior's birth."

"LONG lay the world in sin and error PINING."

"TILL He appeared and the soul felt its WORTH."

"A thrill of hope the weary world REJOICES for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn."

The GOOD NEWS is that THE HOLY is here for us no matter how UNHOLY we are!

EXPERIENCING A HOLY CHRISTMAS

❖ REPENT

"Fall on your knees. O hear the angel voices."

* RECEIVE

"O night divine! O night when Christ was born."

Could it be that God wants even me to REJOICE and SING this Christmas? Jesus comes to us WHOEVER we are this Christmas season.