



**Yea, thou art now thy maker's maker!, and thy Father's mother;
Thou has light in dark; and shutst in little room,
Immensity cloistered in they dear womb." – John Donne**

**"Christ by highest Heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! the herald angels sing:
'Glory to the newborn King!'"**

– "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

"It is here, in the thing that happened at the first Christmas, that the profoundest and most unfathomable depths of the Christian revelation lie." – J. I. Packer

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful

Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.” – Isaiah 9:6-7

“Every Christmas is still a “turning of the page” until Jesus returns. Every December 25 marks another year that draws us closer to the fulfillment of the ages, that draws us closer to home. When we realize that Jesus is the answer to our deepest longing, even Christmas longings, each Advent brings us closer to his glorious return to earth. When we see him as he is, King of kings and Lord of lords, that will be “Christmas” indeed! . . . Christmas is an invitation to a celebration yet to happen.” – Joni Eareckson Tada