



# ADVENT

*THE BIRTH of CHRIST*



# PARENTHOOD

COMING  
JULY 2015







DAYS TO  
BABY!

1/8/7

## GAME PLAN

1. PANIC!
2. PANIC AGAIN
3. Practice on  
CAT











# Isaiah 7

























“So the hearts of the king  
and his people trembled  
with fear, like trees of the  
forest shaking in the wind.”

*(Isaiah 7:2, NIV)*





“Tell him to stop worrying.  
Tell him **he doesn't need to  
fear** the fierce anger of  
those two burned-out  
embers....”

*(Isaiah 7:4a, NIV)*





“Unless your **faith** is firm,  
I cannot make you  
stand firm.”

*(Isaiah 7:9b, NIV)*





# Fear

# Faith





**Fear**

Anticipates

**Faith**

Anticipates





# Fear

Anticipates  
with **dread**

# Faith





**Fear**

Anticipates  
with **dread**

**Faith**

Anticipates  
with **hope**









“Ask the Lord your God for a sign of confirmation, Ahaz. Make it as difficult as you want — as high as heaven or as deep as the grave.”

*(Isaiah 7:11, NIV)*





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But the king refused.  
“No,” he said, “I will not  
test the Lord like that.”

*(Isaiah 7:12, NIV)*





“All right then, the Lord  
himself will give you the  
sign....”

*(Isaiah 7:14, NIV)*





“Look! The virgin will  
conceive a child! She will  
give birth to a son....”

*(Isaiah 7:14, NIV)*





“Look! The virgin will  
conceive a child! She will  
give birth to a son and will  
call him **Immanuel** (which  
means ‘**God is with us**’).”

*(Isaiah 7:14, NIV)*



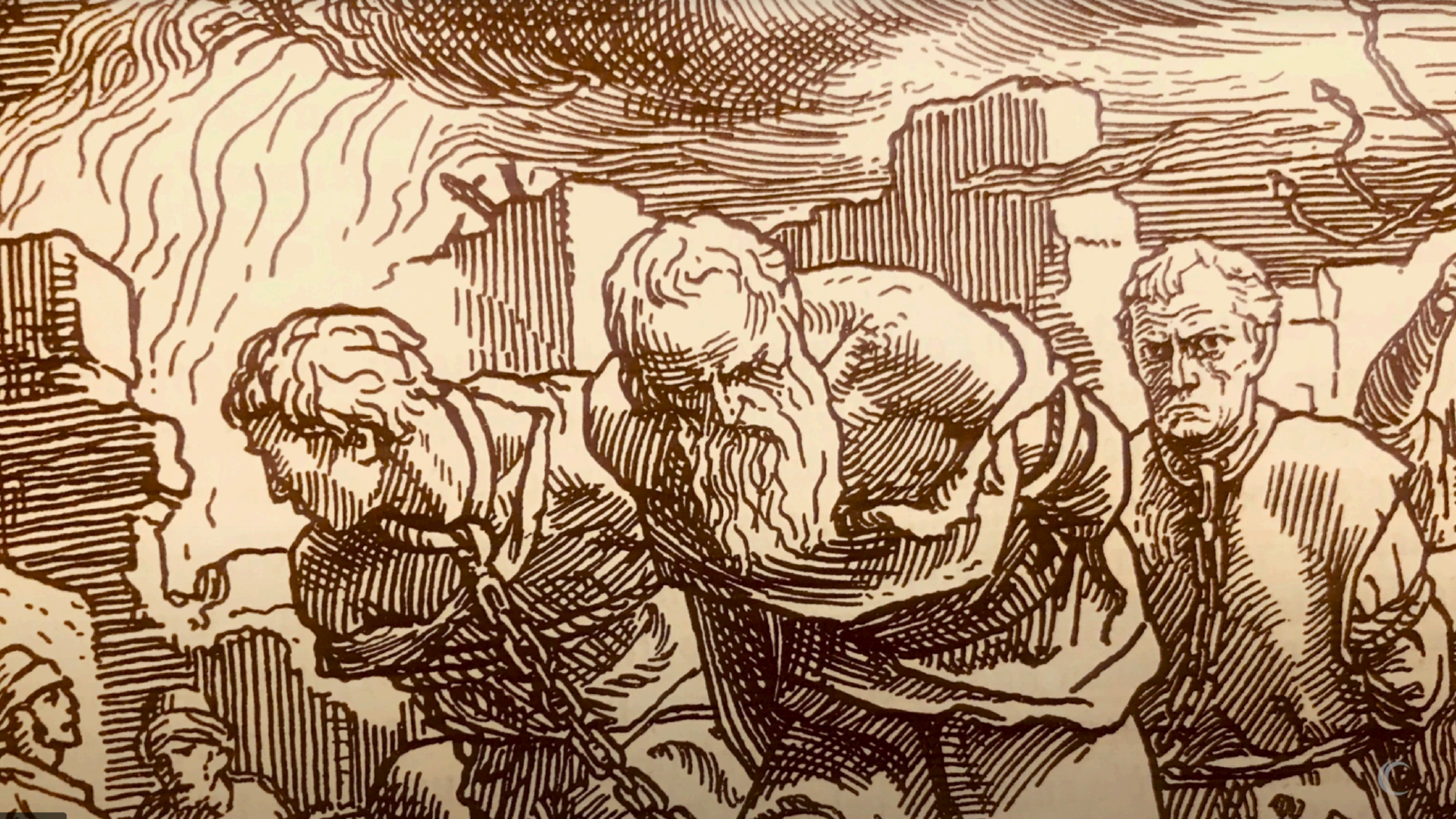






















“Do not be afraid. Take  
Mary home as your wife.”

*(Matthew 1:20, NIV)*





“All this took place to  
fulfill what the Lord had said  
through the prophet.”

*(Matthew 1:23, NIV)*





“The virgin will conceive  
and give birth to a son, and  
they will call him **Immanuel**  
(which means  
**‘God with us’**).”

*(Matthew 1:23, NIV)*









**Christmas 2025**





**Core of Christmas:**





**Immanuel**





**God with us**

















“...as high as heaven....  
as deep as the grave.”

*(Isaiah 7:11, NIV)*





**Immanuel**









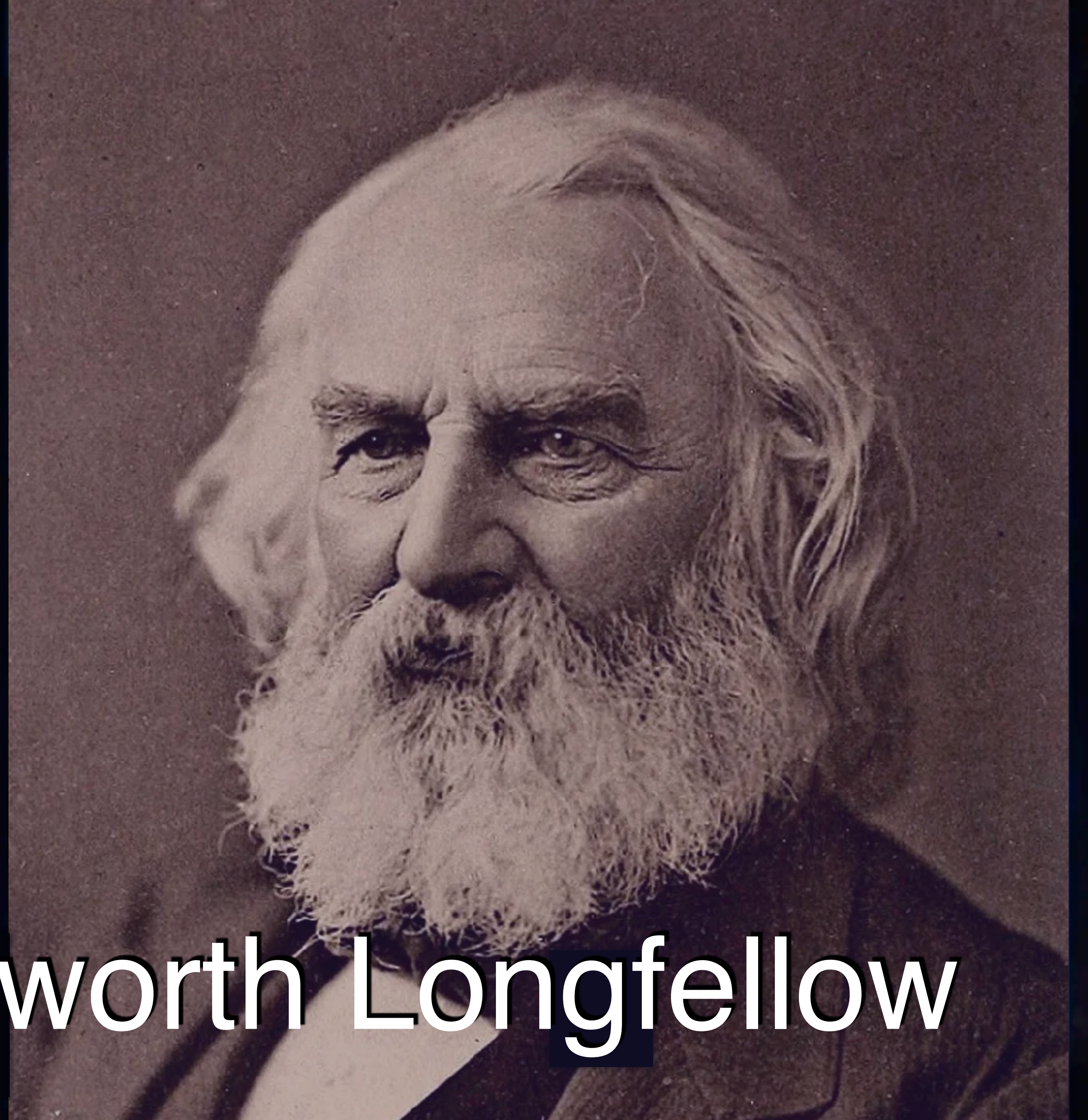




**God with us**







Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



I heard the bells on  
Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar  
carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of **peace on earth,**  
**good-will to men.**





I thought how as  
the day had come  
The belfries of all  
Christendom,  
Had rolled along  
The unbroken song  
Of **peace on earth,**  
**good-will to men.**





And in despair  
I bowed my head;  
**“There is no peace on earth,”**  
I said;  
**“For hate is strong,**  
and mocks the song  
of peace on earth,  
good-will to men.”





Then pealed the bells  
more loud and deep:  
**“God is not dead,**  
nor doth he sleep;  
**The wrong shall fail,**  
**The right prevail,**  
With peace on earth,  
good-will to men.”





# Fear or Faith





**Immanuel**  
**God with us**





“He took a journey of  
**infinite steps** — and  
left the **last step** up  
to **you.**”

Max Lucado











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