

Part 1: The Songs Of Christmas

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⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, …" Luke 1:46-47 (NIV)

• My worship brings Heaven into everything happening here.

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Psalm 40:3a (NIV)

5 reasons I can worship God as Christmas approaches:

1. Because God is in charge.

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²⁷ Everyone on this earth will remember you, Lord. People all over the world will turn and worship you, ²⁸ because you are in control, the ruler of all nations.

Psalm 22:27-28 (CEV)

¹⁹ When I worried about many things, your assuring words soothed my soul. Psalm 94:19 (GW)

2. Because God saves.

47 "...my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ..." Luke 1:47 (NIV)

¹ Lord, you are my Light and my Savior, so why should I be afraid of anyone? The Lord is where my life is safe, so I will be afraid of no one!

Psalms 27:1 (ERV)

⁵Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you. Psalm 25:5 (NLT)

3. Because I matter to God.

⁴⁸ For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. Luke 1:48 (NLT)

¹ Lord, you know everything there is to know about me.² You perceive every movement of my heart and soul, and you understand my every thought before it even enters my mind.^{3–4} You_are so intimately aware of me, Lord. You read my heart like an open book and you know all the words I'm about to speak before I even start a sentence! You know every step I will take before my journey even begins. ⁵ You've gone into my future to prepare the way, and in kindness you follow behind me to spare me from the harm of my past. With your hand of love upon my life, you impart a blessing to me. ⁶ This is just too wonderful, deep, and incomprehensible! Your understanding of me brings me wonder and strength.

Psalm 139:1-6 (TPT)

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. Luke 1:50 (NIV)

4. Because God is powerful.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

Luke 1:51-53 (NIV)

⁴⁹ For the Mighty One has done great things for me.

Luke 1:49 (NIV)

5. Because God will keep His word.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful
 to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.
 Luke 1:54-55 (NIV)

8...God promised this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you." 9 And so it is: All who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

Galatians 3:8b-9 (NLT)

⁶ The Creator of heaven, earth, and sea, and all that is in them. He always keeps his promises. Psalm 146:6 (GNT)