

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

There are times in our lives when we long for God to present in ways that we can understand and grasp. The Israelites, God's own people, had the same longing; they yearned for God to show up, to release them from the rule of the Romans. This great hymn reflects these longings, but it also offers a promise. God comes and frees us from fear and sin, offering instead rest and peace. God comes to reign in us forever, to rule our hearts, and to raise us up through the power of the Spirit. And until then, we cry, "Come thou long expected Jesus."

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