

Week 3 – JOY

Carol: *Joy to the World*

Scriptures: *Isaiah 55:12 | Luke 2:10-11 | 1 Thessalonians 4:18*

Scripture Summary

- *Isaiah 55:12 – The redeemed go out with joy as creation rejoices.*
- *Luke 2:10-11 – Good news of great joy for all people.*
- *1 Thessalonians 4:18 – Christ’s return gives comfort and lasting joy.*

Fulfillment:

First Coming: Joy in salvation and God’s kingdom.

Second Coming: Joy complete in Christ’s eternal reign.

Fulfillment: First Coming: God with us through Jesus’ birth. Second Coming: Hope fulfilled in God’s eternal presence.

Carol Context: *Isaac Watts’ 1719 hymn celebrates Christ’s rule, looking ahead to His ultimate reign—joy grounded in redemption and restoration.*

Questions for Reflection

1. *What’s the difference between happiness and the joy Christ brings?*
2. *How can joy sustain you in times of waiting or hardship?*
3. *Where do you see glimpses of creation 'singing' even now?*