

Jeremiah 23:1-2, 5-6 (NLT)

“What sorrow awaits the leaders of my people—the shepherds of my sheep—for they have destroyed and scattered the very ones they were expected to care for,” says the LORD.

Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to these shepherds: “Instead of caring for my flock and leading them to safety, you have deserted them and driven them to destruction. Now I will pour out judgment on you for the evil you have done to them.

*“For the time is coming,” says the LORD,
“when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line.
He will be a King who rules with wisdom.
He will do what is just and right throughout the land.
And this will be his name: ‘The LORD Is Our Righteousness.’
In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.*

How does Jesus offer you “comfort and joy?”

1. Jesus is a leader who leads _____ and _____.

“He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.”

Jeremiah 23:5 (NLT)

2. Jesus has the _____ to lead.

“For the time is coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line.”

Jeremiah 23:5 (NLT)

3. Jesus wants to be your King and your _____.

“And this will be his name: ‘The Lord is Our Righteousness.’”

Jeremiah 23:6 (NLT)



sermon notes

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
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“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

- The carol is more than 500 years old.
- The author is unknown.
- Was the most famous and most loved carol in England.
- It was rejected by church leaders as too upbeat and joyful.
- When the song came to America, it was completely misunderstood due to differences in the English language.

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” becomes

“God Rest Ye _____ Gentlemen”

“God Rest Ye Mighty Gentlemen” becomes

“God Rest _____ Mighty Gentlemen”

“God Rest You Mighty Gentlemen” becomes

“God _____ You Mighty Gentlemen”

“God Make You Mighty Gentlemen” becomes

God Make You Mighty __ Gentlemen”

“God make you mighty, Gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan’s power, when we were gone astray.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.”

Answer key

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” becomes “God Rest Ye **MIGHTY** Gentlemen”

“God Rest Ye Mighty Gentlemen” becomes “God Rest **YOU** Mighty Gentlemen”

“God Rest You Mighty Gentlemen” becomes “God **MAKE** You Mighty Gentlemen”

“God Make You Mighty Gentlemen” becomes “God Make You Mighty __ Gentlemen”

How does Jesus offer you “comfort and joy?”

1. Jesus is a leader who leads **WISELY** and **UNSELFISHLY**.
2. Jesus has the **CREDENTIALS** to lead.
3. Jesus wants to be your King and your **LORD**.