

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



Remember the old Heinz Ketchup commercial that used the pop song, “*Anticipation is making me wait*”?

It’s that kind of expectation that can make the Advent season so much more meaningful. During the busiest weeks of the year for most of us, pulling away from the hustle and bustle to genuinely anticipate the birth of the Child-King can be a welcome relief.

The “longing hearts” of the people of Israel are easily overlooked during our Twenty-first Century Advent celebrations; but we need to better connect with their deep craving for the “Dear Desire of every nation” to come and set his people free from fear and sin.

In *his* delivery, Christ began the process by moving from cradle to cross to to be their strength, consolation, hope and joy.

Because we invite him to “reign in us forever,” we reserve for him the governing place on the throne of our hearts and anticipate being raised with him to bow before the *glorious* throne.

The next time you try to coax ketchup from a bottle, hum that little Advent tune: “*Anticipation is making me wait.*”