

December 9th

## JINGLE BELL ROCK

Performed by the famous American country singer Bobby Helms, the now-classic Christmas song “Jingle Bell Rock” remains to this day, an all-time American favorite. Originally written by the late American songwriters Joe Beal and Jim Boothe and performed by Bobby Helms a month before Christmas in 1957, this cheerful and catchy tune highlights the joy and happiness of the Christmas spirit.

The song itself reminds its listeners to be joyful and cheerful, for the season of joy is upon us. Much like this song and its meaning of joy and cheer, I am reminded of Psalm 67:3-5. “Let the peoples praise you, God; let all the peoples praise. Let the nations rejoice and shout for joy, for you judge the peoples with fairness and lead the nations on earth. Let the peoples praise you, God, let all the peoples praise you”. Just like the Psalmist says, “Let all people praise you, God”.

During this Christmas season, I am reminded of how much I love God. He is my father in heaven, my righteous judge, and provider. His love for me knows no boundary, for he sacrificed his one and only son so that I may be forgiven and have eternal life in heaven. When we focus all of our attention on why we should “shout in joy, and praise the Lord”, we begin to realize that all of life’s problems are but a smudge in our lives compared to the love our father in heaven has for us.

So I say, let us be joyful and full of praise for our father in heaven is our “heavenly father and righteous judge”. And like the song says, let us all “Dance and prance in Jingle Bell Square in the frosty air” for the season of Joy is upon us, for we have a loving and righteous God. I wish for every one of you to experience such joy during this upcoming holiday season. Merry Christmas and God Bless!

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