

**SERMON REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WILLINGNESS
TO TRAVEL TO SAVE US**

Matt 4:15-16 compared with 2 Chron 16:9 in Matthew Henry's words

God governs the world in infinite wisdom, and creatures, and all their actions, are continually under his eye. The eye of Providence is quick-sighted—it *runs*; it is intent - it runs *to and fro*; it reaches far – *through the whole earth*, no corner of which is out of its reach, though the most dark or distant; and His eye directs His hand, and the arm of His power; for He shows Himself strong.

Does Satan walk to and fro in the earth? Providence *runs* to and fro, is never absent, never hides and must be sought, and is never at a loss.

God governs the world for the good of His people, and does all in pursuit of the counsels of His love concerning their salvation.

Those whose hearts (by grace) are upright with Him may be sure of His protection and have all the reason in the world to depend upon it. He is able to protect them in the way of their duty, and He actually intends their protection. A practical disbelief of this is at the bottom of all our departures from God and double-dealing with Him.

LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

March 29, 2026

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude, Reflection

Salutation

Call to Worship

Matthew 4:12-17 (p 962 pew Bible)

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Hymn**

Lead On, O King Eternal
580 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home:
through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;
thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might. **

Invocation & Lord's Prayer

God's Law

Luke 3:1-9 (p 1020 pew Bible)

Confession of Sin (unison)

Psalm 143:1-8 (p 620 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 3:15-18 (p 1020 pew Bible)



*** Song of Response**

Christ Is Risen He is Risen Indeed
#26 *Covenant Praises* (all verses)

1 How can it be the One who died Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death Sing sing hallelujah
2 For joy awakes as dawning light When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands their Friend and King Christ Christ He is risen

Chorus: Christ is risen He is risen indeed Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed

3 Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen Yet sing hallelujah
4 Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained Life, life everlasting **(Chorus)**

5 The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace Go tell of His goodness **(Chorus 2X)**

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Congregational Prayer

Prayer of Dedication & Offering

Offertory Song

Holy Spirit
27 *Covenant Praises* (verses 1, 3)

1 Holy Spirit living Breath of God Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity Holy Spirit breathe new life in me
3 Holy Spirit from creation's birth Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ May be clear for all the world to see

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*** Gloria Patri**

#735 Trinity Hymnal

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer

Scripture Readings

Luke 3:4-6; 4:16-21 (p 1020 pew Bible)
Matthew 4:13-16 (p 962 pew Bible)

Sermon Title

Christ, Our Travelling God, Meets Us Where We Are

Prayer of Application

*** Closing Hymn**
Me

Take Me, O My Father Take

491 Trinity Hymnal (all
verses)

1 Take me, O my Father, take me; take me, save me, through thy Son;
that which thou wouldst have me, make me, let thy will in me be done.
Long from thee my footsteps straying, thorny proved the way I trod;
weary come I now, and praying, take me to thy love, my God.

2 Fruitless years with grief recalling, humbly I confess my sin;
at thy feet, O Father, falling, to thy household take me in.
Freely now to thee I proffer this relenting heart of mine;
freely life and soul I offer, gift unworthy love like thine.

3 Once the world's Redeemer, dying, bore our sins upon the tree;
on that sacrifice relying, now I look in hope to thee:
Father, take me; all forgiving, fold me to thy loving breast;
in thy love for ever living I must be forever blest. **

*** Benediction**

*** Doxology**

#731 Trinity Hymnal

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