

The Blessing of Believing Simply

Ephrem the Syrian (~306-373 AD) taught theological truths through hymns. In the hymn below, he teaches that Jesus is the Son of God:

[Blessed is he/she] "who has become worthy to call You, Jesus, with great love, 'Beloved Son', just as God Your Begetter called You. {REFRAIN}: Glory to You, O Son of God!

[Blessed is he/she] "who has kept his/her mouth from all iniquities, and has called You 'Son of God,' as the Holy Spirit called You. { REFRAIN }

[Blessed is he/she] "who has become worthy of believing simply, calling You 'Son of God,' as the apostles and prophets called You. { REFRAIN }



Coffee/tea thought: This Christmas season, allow God to bless you in "believing simply" that Jesus who came to earth as a human baby is the Son of God.

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Ref: From Hymn III, slightly adapted, *The Hymns of Faith*, St. Ephrem the Syrian. (The Fathers of the Church, Vol. 130, tr. by Jeffery Wickes, 2015)

那單純地相信的有福了

敘利亞人以法蓮（主後約 306-373 年）用讚美詩教導神學真理。以下的讚美詩中，他教導耶穌是神的兒子：

[那人是有福的] “他/她配得以極大的愛，稱呼你， '神的愛子'，耶穌，正如天父稱呼你那般。{副歌}：榮耀歸於主，神的兒子啊！”

[那人是有福的] “他/她的嘴唇遠離不潔，並稱呼你為'神的兒子'，正如聖靈稱呼你那般。{副歌}

[那人是有福的] “他/她配得以單純的心相信，並稱呼你為'神的兒子'。正如使徒和先知稱呼你那般。{副歌}



隨想： 這聖誕季節，讓上帝祝福你“單純地相信” 那降生到世上的嬰兒耶穌是神的兒子。

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參考：略微改編的讚美詩第三集，信心詩歌，敘利亞的以法蓮著。

