

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CAROL

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"Lo! I Arrive To Do Thy Will!"

Introduction: Have you ever considered, What is the first Christmas Carol?

A carol is a song of joyful praise involving the birth of The Lord Jesus Christ. The first carol goes all the way back to the night in which The Lord Jesus Christ was born. No, it was not the Shepherds! Neither was it the Heavenly host which the shepherds heard. But even before the angels sang, The Lord Jesus Himself sang. Yes, That Little Baby in the manger sang the first Christmas Carol. It was not heard by His parents, nor by any human being, but it was heard by God The Father, Himself. This very first carol was sung in the heart of that Tiny Baby. And it is vitally important to consider, because it contains a vital Truth on which hangs the eternal destiny of every human and indicates the initiation of the New Testament; i.e., the Determined Will of The God!

It was not recorded by either Matthew or Luke, the two N. T. writers who described the events of the birth of Christ. But rather it was recorded by Paul in His Treatise to The Hebrews in Chapter 10 (**Heb. 10:5-10**).

I. The Setting of The Carol (10:5) -The Place and Time of His carol.

Note the phrase: "When He cometh into the World" !

- A. The Place - the world - the *kóhsmohs* - the world system and culture of humans on Earth. The particular place in the world (on Earth) was Bethlehem in the province of Judah, known today as Palestine.
- B. The Time - As humans calculate time, it was Tibet (Dec.-Jan.) 5-4 B.C., but as The God calculates it: in "The Fullness of Time" (Gal. 4:4,5 cf. Dan. 9:24-26).

II. The Scene of The Carol (v. 5)

"When He cometh into the World" (Lk. 2:4 cf. Micah 5:2).

A manger in the inn's stable in Bethlehem, a city of King David of Israel.

III. The Savior - The Christ (v.5)

The person or 'He' of the context (cf. 9:11,14,24,28), Hebrews' theme.

IV. The Song (vs. 5- 7) Ps. 40:6-8

But He was a Baby! How could He sing? From His Heart The God's Eternal Son used The Psalms, Israel's hymn book, songs of praise. He quoted the portion pertaining to Himself.

The Reasons why He 'Arrived' (APT). The Greek verb used in this quote was not ἔρχομαι (erxomai) 'I come' but ἦκω (haykō) 'I arrive.'

1. The God wanted no more offerings or sacrifices for sins (Is. 1:4-6;11-15).
2. To fully fulfil The Law (Mt. 5:17).
3. To do the determined will of The God (Heb. 10:7,9).
4. To give His Son a body to offer for sin; i. e., a perfect sinless sacrifice for Sin (Heb. 10:5).
5. To establish The New Covenant, Testament, and/or (Determined) Will of God (Heb. 10:9).

V. The Sin (vs. 6, 8) The Purpose for His coming!

Because of the disobedience, iniquity, transgression, lawlessness of The God's Covenant People (cf. Isa. 1:4,11,20) and to fulfill The Law.

VI. The Sacrifice (vs. 5,10) The Price that He must pay!

- A. His body was made Sin (2 Cor. 5:21).
- B. His blood was shed and applied to the Mercyseat in Heaven (10:4 cf. 9:11-14 cf. Lev. 15:16,33,34).
- C. He agonized in death - enduring the eternal fiery wrath of God. Note Rev. 1:15: "... and the feet of His, similar ones to fine brass, [intensive perfect passive substantive participle] & ones-having-been-burned as by-means-of-a smelting-furnace."

VII. The Surrender (v. 7): The Presentation of His Body!

"I arrive to do Thy will, O God." It is only through one's body that The God's determined will is performed! At His birth He surrendered Himself to The God's will. He presented His body to become the perfect sacrifice! Now if we recognize this: we exchanged masters from Sin and Satan and rendered ourselves to be dead to sin and alive to The God and righteousness (Rom. 6:6-16, we are beseeched to present our bodies to Him (Rom. 12:1,2).

Will you surrender all to him now and present your body to Him? and become a living sacrifice and His loving bonds slave forevermore?

CONCLUSION: The Lord Jesus Christ sang the first Christmas Carol. He presented His body to perform the Determined Will of The God. He was born to die. So too, we must die, die: to self, to sin, and to the world; and exchange masters, from Sin and Satan to The Lord Jesus Christ and Righteousness, and be born again to live now and forever to perform The Determined Will of The God.

The best time you can ever experience is when you repent, permanently commit your persistent trust to The Lord Jesus Christ, exchange Masters, and present your body to perform His will! The choice is yours! Who will be your Master, Sin and Satan? or The Lord Jesus Christ and Righteousness? What will you do with Him Who was born to die, in order for you to be able to live forever?

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