



UNWRAPPING HOPE THROUGH
THE SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

PART 4

“GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING”

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Heaven and Nature Sing: *Unwrapping Hope through the Songs of Christmas* "Glory to the Newborn King"

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A Message on the Incarnation as witnessed in "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
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Hark! Listen!

Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King"
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
"Glory to the Newborn King"

The Herald Angels

Announcing that reconciliation has come (Genesis 3:15 is fulfilled!)

A) Gabriel (Luke 1),

B) The Heavenly Hosts (Luke 2)

C) A New, Monumental thing is happening, as big as the foundations of the earth being made! (Job 38:7)

God Incarnate

Born a man, and yet, the Son God. God in flesh.
*Christ, by highest Heav'n adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel*

God

John 1:1-4, 14

A Virgin Birth

Col. 1:15-20

"...the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of the same essence as the Father."

- The Nicene Creed

Human

"For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate (in flesh) by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human."

- The Nicene Creed



"Sin had separated...God and man; but the incarnation bridges the separation: it is a prelude to the atoning sacrifice, but it is prelude full of the richest hope. From henceforth, when God looks upon man[kind], he will remember that his own Son is a man. From this day forth, when he beholds the sinner, if his wrath should burn, he will remember that his own Son, as man, stood in the sinner's place, and bore the sinner's doom."

- Charles Spurgeon

*"Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.*

Phil 2: 6-8

"it is no wonder if fresh acts of creative power marked his coming into the world, and his life in it, and his exit from it. It is not strange that he, the Author of life, should rise from the dead." If we believe indeed that Jesus is the "God-man" then, "the incarnation is an unfathomable mystery that makes sense of everything else in the New Testament."

- J.I. Packer

New Life from the Newborn King (Mal. 4:2; etc.)

*Come, Desire of nations, come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring Seed,
Bruise in us the serpent's head.
Now display Thy saving pow'r,
Ruined nature now restore;
Now in mystic union join
Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.*

Jesus is the Seed of the woman which would "break the power of sin and death in us"

"Fear of death, and noise of sin, is silenced by the baby's first cry."

Born Again

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."

- John 1:12-13

He took upon himself the punishment for our sin - so that we might come to God (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 3:18).

When we are united with Him, we live by His Spirit, by faith in the Son of God - we have been united in his death and resurrection!

Rom. 6:2-11, Galatians 2:20

Second Adam:

*Adam's likeness, Lord, efface,
Stamp Thine image in its place:
Second Adam from above,
Reinstate us in Thy love.
Let us Thee, though lost, regain,
Thee, the Life, the inner man:
Oh, to all Thyself impart,
Formed in each believing heart.*

New Breath: John 20:19-22

At Christmas, We are faced with the angels who heralded that God became man, to bring peace and reconcile us to God. So that you and I could be born again and walk by the Spirit with the God, the creator and sustainer of all. He became flesh and suffered and died for you and me. Do you believe this?

Have you listened and heard what the angels proclaimed? Are there places in your life where like Adam and Eve you have.

hidden from God in the noise of this world, ears not listening to what God is saying? And do you believe that Jesus is God? And that He has the power to change your heart, so that you might be born again because of your faith in Him? Are you ready to have your daily breath and rhythms lived not for yourself but for God's glory, to sing with your life, Glory to God?!

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and Life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings...*





Reflection Questions:

1. J.I. Packer writes of the Incarnation that, since Jesus is not some ordinary man and is indeed God in the flesh, "it is no wonder if fresh acts of creative power marked his coming into the world, and his life in it, and his exit from it. It is not strange that he, the Author of life, should rise from the dead." What do you think of that? Have you pondered the incarnation and does it make a difference to you whether it is true or not?
2. Pastor Colton preached on how the coming of Jesus Christ and the heralding of the angels serves to show that God is doing something very new in his creation. The coming of Christ means that people can be born again, that Jesus is the second Adam, a better Adam and representative of humanity for those who put their trust in him. Are there other echoes of God's creative work you see in the Christmas story (or even elsewhere in Scripture)?
3. The Song starts with "Hark!" - a call to listen to what the angels are saying and really what God is saying through Christ's birth. Christmas is then, for a Christian, not a call to drown out God's voice with presents, fun, family, and other distractions but to incline your ear to hear and respond to God's work in the world? How can you do that this Christmas?

