

Christmas 2018

Carols: The Truth Behind the Words

Lesson #1: Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel

***O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

1. Once sin entered the world, man was alienated from God and the human experience devolved into continual evil – Gen. 3:22-24, 6:5.
2. Because sin had left God's people enslaved and exiled, they eagerly awaited God's promised sign whose name would be "God with us" – Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23.

***O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

1. Sin's impact had left the world enveloped in darkness, hopelessness, and chaos – Judg. 17:6; Prov. 14:12; Isa. 64:6.
2. The advent of Christ was like a sunrise, bringing hope and peace – Luke 1:78-79, 2:14.

***O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

1. The promised Christ would come from the lineage of Jesse, the father of David, and would bear fruit as the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant – Isa. 11:1-2; 2 Sam. 7:16; Matt. 1:1.
2. In defeating Satan and the grave, Christ offers His children both freedom and eternal life – Luke 4:18; 1 John 5:11-12; John 3:16-21.

