

Christmas Humility

1. The Fact of His Coming – v. 6

Ps 8:3-4

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained... what is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?

Isaiah 40:15,17

Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust. All the nations are as nothing before Him, They are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless.

Prov 16:9

The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

1 Cor 3:19

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, "*He is THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS*";

Ps 115:3,16

But our God is in the heavens;

He does whatever He pleases.

The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, But the earth He has given to the sons of men.

Dan 4:35

"All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven and *among* the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?'

2) The Details of His Coming – v. 7

3) The Purpose of His coming – v. 8

Isaiah 53... *He was pierced through for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the chastening for our well-being fell on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.*

All we like sheep have gone astray; each of us has turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The Apostle Paul rehearses the purpose of Christ's death...

Gal 4:4-5

But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem (ransom, buy back) those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

1 Tim 1:15

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

In Jesus' own words...

Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 5:32

"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

John 6:38

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 12:46

"I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

John the Baptist proclaimed...

John 1:29

"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

So many of our Christmas carols refer directly to our sin...

- Long lay the world, in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared...
- God rest ye merry, Gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we had gone astray
- Hark the Herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled
- What Child is This...
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you