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The Lord Will Come . . . Perhaps Today . . . Behold, I Come Quickly . . . Rev. 22:7

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Why Did The Lord Come Into This World?

Consider waiting for surgery and being helpless and unable to change anything, as one sits waiting, three questions have been faced:

- 1) Do I want to know what lies ahead and I am uneasy? What I do know is, I am going into a series of experiences which I have never known before?
- 2) What if it was known that which lay ahead and there was no turning back or changing of the mind and there would be years of grief and unspeakable suffering.
- 3) The major question is, "Will I go through with this or not?"

Christmas is an annual reminder of:

- a) the love of God in the coming of the Lord into this sin metastasized world
- b) the demonstration of every individual's lack of merit for acceptability with God or enjoying the presence of God for eternity in Heaven
- c) a living manifestation of what man ideally could have been (not in reference to His essential being but in character, for man was made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26))
- d) how undeserving humanity universally was of the slightest iota of kindness from God (Rom. 3:10-18)

In the foreknowledge of God, He recognized that due to our being born with the principle of sin permeated throughout our entire being, nothing we could do could either cleanse the individual from the guiltiness of their sin, the awareness of the seriousness of it, or even the desire to be freed from it. Individuals take God's name in blasphemy but have no fear of God in doing such. Lives are lived with a profession of doing good to others, attending church, saying prayers etc., but none of these can change how the individual was born. I was born an Ulster man and could not on my terms walk into Buckingham Palace. I have no right to do such. I could not change that by paying tax to the French government. I may be sincere but it is of no avail. I live in Canada but by birth I am British, that cannot be changed. So an individual cannot change the moral state in which they were born. Each individual is born with the sin nature, is born away from God and wanting little or nothing to do with God. To some He is a spoilsport, a restricter of my pleasure, and stops me from doing as I want. In other words, my thoughts are, "Come what may I am selfish and want to do my own thing irrespective of the consequences". What are the consequences? Due to one's own decision, the consequences are being banished from the presence of God and being under the eternal unceasing judgment of God.

The Father sent His Son into this world to provide a way of being changed so that one is comfortable with God and will delight in His presence for eternity. There will be no selfishness in Heaven or boasting. No one will sing as Frank Sinatra sang, "I did it my way". When looking back on life, no matter how big the yacht or many mansions, prestige or political greatness, their grief will be, it gave no satisfaction.

Christmas is a reminder of the infinite love of the Lord Jesus who, knowing that which lay ahead, the cruel sufferings, the constant grief, the agony of separation from God, the entrance into death; He knew that in coming to earth He was going to experience that which He had never known before. He had never known what it was to be hated, that was going to be a new experience. He had never known what it was to be humbled before, He had never known what it was to be despised and had never known what it was to be banished from God. He had never known a duration when God reckoned Him to be the guilty one deserving of eternal punishment, yet He came. There was no peer pressure, no obligation. The only thing that caused Him to leave the glories and bliss of Heaven was to provide a way of forgiveness and to make the individual suitable for God's presence. This was pure love.

Christmas reminds us of a decision to be made, a choice no one can make for us. The individual can decide to reject the work of Christ, and of their own volition and decision, choose to take Hell when it comes. The scriptures of truth inform us, "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming" (Isa. 14:9). However, the Christ who came to Bethlehem to take the fury of God's wrath on Himself, enduring the wrath of God against the individual, stands with open arms assuring each individual of a hearty welcome. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). Again, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa 1:18).

This Christmas could be the time when the Prince of Peace can become your Saviour, if you want. The decision is yours and it's an either or situation, personal accountability and responsibility. Either accept the Lord and His work as the only way of salvation, or accept the consequences of rejecting His great salvation.

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"Prepare To Meet Thy God"

"Careless soul, O heed the warning,
For your life will soon be gone;
O how sad to face the judgment,
Unprepared to meet thy God."

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