



## The Carols Of Christmas

*“It Came Upon A  
Midnight Clear” – The  
Pursuit We All Are On*

Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-7, 12:1-6

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*All scripture comes from the New American Standard Bible (NASB) – 1995 version unless otherwise noted.*

### 1) A priority we all pursue – peace

*It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*

*It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,"  
From heav'n's all-gracious King.  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.*

*Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long,  
Beneath the angel strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love song which they bring:  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing!*

*All ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow,  
Look now! for glad and golden hours*

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*Come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road,  
And hear the angels sing!*

*For lo! the days are hast'ning on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.*

**2) A problem or pain push us to a prescription**

**3) A prophecy provides the pathway [9:1-5](#)**

**4) A person is the plan [7:14](#); [9:6](#)**

**5) Peace will be the result & a promise [9:7](#)**

**6) Praise for our salvation & call to proclaim it [12:1-6](#)**

*I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day*

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
and wild and sweet The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*And thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along The unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*Till ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, A chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*Then from each black, accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the South,  
And with the sound The carols drowned  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*It was as if an earthquake rent  
The hearth-stones of a continent,  
And made forlorn The households born  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*And in despair I bowed my head;  
“There is no peace on earth,” I said;  
“For hate is strong, And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!”*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
“God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The Wrong shall fail, The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men.”*

## **Our Response**

- 1) Why do pain or problems tend to push us towards a prescription?  
How have you seen that in your own life?
- 2) How is Jesus the perfect fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14?
- 3) How are the words listed in Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6 describing Jesus bring comfort, hope and encouragement to you?
- 4) What is the connection between evangelism/missions and joyful worship? How does joyfully praising God fit well in an evangelistic encounter?
  
- 5) How is Jesus the Prince of Peace? How would you relate this to Romans 5:1; & Philippians 4:6-7? How have you seen Jesus be your Prince of Peace?