

The Gospel from Carols

O Holy Night

Isaiah 9:6-7

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Introduction:

- First written in 1843 by Placide Cappeau
 - Translated into English in 1847 by John Dwight
 - Music composed by Adolphe Adam in 1847
 - During the Civil War, this song was sung in the North, but not so much in the South. Why? Because of this line – “*Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother.*”
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1. First Verse – Reminds Us of our Reason for Hope:

- a. **Romans 3:23**
- b. **Pining ...** “*To yearn deeply ... to suffer with a longing for something.*”
- c. **Revelation 20:14**
- d. **John 3:16-18**

2. The Chorus teaches us – Reverence for God:

- a. What does the Bible say about Reverence for God?
- b. **Psalm 5:7**
- c. Why did the Wise Men do what they did?
 - i. They studied the Prophet Micah and when they saw the Star, they knew this was a very special King.
- d. There is a proper reverence and respect you should have in the presence of the King of Kings.
- e. When you see a Nativity Scene, do you:
 - i. Understand Who He is?
 - ii. Get why He came?
 - iii. Understand what He gave up for you?
 - iv. Understand what it cost Him to come for you and me?

3. The Last Stanza – Teaches about Relationships with others:

- a. **John Sullivan** – Loved this song when he translated it into English, because he was an abolitionist and hated slavery.
- b. His favorite line – “*Chains shall HE break, for the slave is our brother.*”
- c. **Galatians 3:28**



- d. Think about the people God included in that first Christmas celebration:
 - i. The Shepherds –
 - ii. The Magi –
 - iii. The Elderly –
 - iv. Anna – an 84-year-old woman – **Luke 2:36-38**
 - v. Simeon – an old prophet – **Luke 2:28-29**
- e. **Matthew 20:26 and 28**
- f. **1st John 4:11**
- g. Christmas Eve – 1906 – The first words said on a radio broadcast – **Luke 2:8-14**
- h. The first song on a radio broadcast – “*O Holy Night.*”
- i. That is what the Christmas Account is all about ... The Creator of the Universe, became a man. He stepped into our world to tell us how we could come into His house, so we could be safe.