

Music of Christmas

And suddenly there were with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Luke 2:13-14

The carols of Christmas bring to our mind the story of Christ's birth as well as the joys of Christmas past. Not only do we hum the tune, but we remember the words to all three verses of our favorite carols. They bring to mind vivid images of the birth of our Savior.

Christianity is a religion of song. In his book, Celebrate His Love, Dr. David Jeremiah says *"Agnosticism has no carols. Confucianism and Brahmanism have no anthems or alleluias. Dreary, weird dirges reveal no hope for the present or for the future. Christianity, however, is filled with music. Only the message of Christ puts a song in a person's heart."*

Just as Christmas carols and the thought of the birth of our Savior puts a song in our hearts, so our birth into the family of God gives us a joyous song of praise and glory to God.

The singing of Christ's praises does not end with the angels at His birth or even our songs of praise to Him each day. It continues into the future. Revelation 5:8-14 tells of the 24 elders each having a harp and singing a new song about Christ being worthy. Then the many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders proclaim, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

May our song this Christmas magnify the Lamb who was slain and give Him honor and glory and blessing.

