

WHAT'S IN A SONG?

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The Final Word

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In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God¹... and the people did not understand.

It is a familiar summary in God's story about us. We don't quite understand. So, in the absence of understanding, we are inclined to make assumptions. It is a sticky thing to make assumptions about God. He says in Isaiah "Your thoughts are not my thoughts, nor are your ways my ways"² God is outside of us, so when he steps into time with a marvelous plan, we can hardly comprehend it. The question to ask is "do I have faith to accept that this is a good thing?"

Throughout the history of the Old Testament, God interacted with his people through prophets, priests, and at least one donkey. With all the third and fourth parties involved people grew further and further away from understanding and loving God, given the human propensity for sin. All through the books of the Old Testament, this was illustrated and there were plenty symbols that pointed towards a better way coming for us to interact with God; personally, and through the person of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. God incarnate, love come down. We hear these descriptions, but do we take time to understand the immensity of the meaning?

Immanuel, *God with us*³, came down into our time and space to show us our story and illuminate the path for us to follow. When we follow his path, we are in communion with him. Eventually, we will see him make all things new, and sin will be no more. He made a perfect plan designed to redeem us from the damage done in the Garden. And while we walk this earth, we can know that he loves us and is guiding and teaching us along the way. We have opportunity to draw closer or pull further away. Regardless of the consequence on either side, the choice has always been ours to make.

***And so, the light became alive, and manna became man
Eternity stepped into time so we could understand***

***He spoke the incarnation and then so was born the Son
His final word was Jesus, he needed no other one
Spoke flesh and blood so he could bleed and make a way divine
And so was born the baby who would die to make it mine***

It's a new year. I will spend it walking a little closer; getting to know my Lord a little better.

Happy New Year

1. John 1:1 2. Isaiah 55:8-11 3. Isaiah 7:14