Lo, I Come
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I. Introduction.

    A. Text: Psalm 40.

    B. Although Jesus has been the subject of more books than anyone in history has, He has never written a line.

    C. Psalm 40 is in a sense the Lord's autobiography.

II. Jesus describes His experience of resurrection.

    A. Life is often filled with death.

    B. But Jesus was resurrected—this is a completely new experience of life that God has designed for man.

    C. The effect of the resurrection was the explosion of the Christian gospel.

    D. The new song.

        1. The secret of happiness. One of the greatest lies is that happiness can be found in man.

        2. The splendor of God's thoughts and deeds towards man.

III. The pathway to the experience of resurrection.

    A. These words of Jesus are quoted from heaven. (Hebrews 10:5)

    B. There was hopelessness on earth but the fullness of time had come in heaven.

    C. Jesus is being worshiped in heaven by the angels.

        1. Jesus knew that sin offering was not required.

            a. There was a readiness to learn. (Isaiah 50:4-6)

            b. The Messiah came with the tongue of a learner so that He might sustain the weary.

            c. Jesus understood that God did not want sacrifice.

            d. The sacrifices were given to teach that the sickness within man is something that ought not to be handled lightly.

            e. The only solution is Jesus' sacrifice.

2. Jesus was always and instantly available to the Father. Jesus' message was the love of God—He came with grace and truth. (John 1)

IV. The description of Jesus' sufferings.

A. Jesus could say that His iniquities overtook Him because He made others' sins His own. (II Corinthians 5:21)

B. To experience forgiveness one needs to admit that he needs it.

C. There is no other hope for mankind than the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Application questions:

1. How would you describe resurrection life based on Psalm 40?
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2. Why is Jesus' sacrifice so central to man's relationship with God?
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3. How important is the resurrection to Christian witness—should a presentation of the gospel always include it? Defend your answer.
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