

Christmas – The Presence of the Lord!

Luke 2: 1-3 [KJ]

“1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius ["warrior"] was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city”

*** WOW – looked like the government at that time was in session at the very time of the Birth of Jesus**

*** Ah, things never change much, especially during this time of year concerning Jesus.**

*** It seemed that at the birth of Jesus, the government and the people were concerned about rising tax rates.**

Luke 2 : 4-7 [KJ]

“4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem ["house of bread"] ; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn”

*** In the midst of an earthly taxation: God became the representation**

*** You see God used the government to set the stage for the birth of Christ**

*** Being Great with Child – The days were accomplished that she should deliver!**

*** You see pregnancy becomes a reality, it becomes full term – you see at the appointed time birth takes place.**

*** Birthing is messy, loud, painful, demands immediate attention!**

God almighty not Bruce almighty but God set the stage for the coming of Jesus Christ!

*** The politics was not right in our eyes but just right in His!**

*** The timing the place was not right in mans eyes but just right in His!**

The Presence of the Lord

- * You see when God steps into Humanity, He is really always in control!
- * When God sets the stage everything else moves at His direction!

Luke 2 : 8-14 [KJ]

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men”

- * The shepherds received word, the shepherds who were watching the flock by night.
- * No fear – but good tidings of Great Joy to all the people
- * To you [a personal gift]
- * Born – birthed in the city of David [Bethlehem – the house of bread]
- * Birthed for all people – is Christ the Lord!

The Presence of the Lord

- * Births a Word from Heaven [Good Tidings]
- * Births Great Joy [Good Tidings of Great Joy]
- * Births faith that He is God – God who will touch humanity [wrapped in swaddling clothes – lying in a manger]
- * Births Heavenly confirmation – Holy Praise [Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God]
- * Births praise over every other human God [Glory to God in the Highest]
- * Births the only peace this world will ever know, the only peace for mankind [And on earth, good will toward men]

CHRISTmas in all about the Presence of the Lord

* Some say, ‘well you know that Christmas is tied to pagan holidays’ – ‘Christmas is tied to the winter solace, its all about celebrating the seasons’ – ‘The true meaning of Christmas is all about serving others’ – oh the list goes on and on.

* I have Good Tidings of Great Joy this day my friends the answer to the comments above and any others pertaining to Christmas is true!

Christmas is all about pagan Gods – because the Lord is above all other Gods

Christmas is all about the winter solace in fact the Lord is all about all seasons – He made them

Christmas is all about serving others

In fact Christmas is all about heaven and humanity

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* The fulfillment of prophecy

* Bethlehem [House of Bread]

* Bread from Heaven was coming back into the House of God

* Gods Presence was stepping in!

Preparation / Bread for the Generations

1 Chronicles 22: 5-6 (The Message)

5-6 “David was thinking, “My son Solomon is too young to plan ahead for this. But the sanctuary that is to be built for God has to be the greatest, the talk of all the nations; so I’ll get the construction materials together.”

That's why David prepared this huge stockpile of building materials before he died.

David was thinking about God things [V:5]

[This is a powerful statement – think about others]

- * David was thinking about generational substance – foundational seed.
- * David was thinking about his sons' youthfulness and planned ahead!
- * David was thinking about the sanctuary, the tabernacle, the canopy, the place, that was to be established for God and it was to be GREAT, so GREAT that nations would speak about it! Commanded To Build!

Establishing GOD GREATNESS!

- * When you think on the Things of God it births generational preparations
- * Your entrance to Gods presence changes generations and touches nations!

Mark 2: 1-5 (KJV)

“[1] And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and *it was noised that he was in the house.*”

[2] And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and *He preached the word unto them.*”

[3] And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

[4] And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

[5] *When Jesus saw their faith,* he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee”

Recognizing God Seasons!

- * *“Carriers of God Faith”*
- * Those who come into agreement with Heaven
- * It was noised about that Jesus was in the House
- * It that House Jesus preached the Word to them [The Word]
- * A drawing of all sorts came into the House
- * The Word does that – and in the midst of His presence, in the midst of all sorts that were there – **“Carriers of God Faith”** stepped in!
- * Faith was what the Lord responded to!

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Seasons are Growth Opportunities

- * Seasons are Growth Opportunities in the eyes of the Godly.
- * Seasons teach us to prepare!
- * Seasons allow us to be quick on our feet.
- * Sticking to with the familiar can be fatal.

It is very dangerous to wait until your circumstances change before you make a move toward what God has already ordained

The best way to avoid waiting for your circumstances to change is to:

1. Staying closely connected to the Lord. [Prayer, Fasting, Word]
2. Constantly developing your spiritual radar. [Holy Ghost Walking]
3. Moving without doubt or hesitation whenever the Lord says its time. [Faith! Instinctive Faith, Offensive Faith, Hold to His unchanging Hand]

Habakkuk 2: 1-2 [NJK]

“I will stand upon my watch, and set myself upon the tower [Rampart], and will watch to [Listen] [what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. [2] And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it” [Simply: “That he may run who reads it”]

Seeking the Holy Ghost to navigating us through [Know the Seasons]

1. Meet with the Lord daily in a special place of prayer.
2. Look for the Lord to speak to you in dreams and visions.
[I will watch to see]
3. Listen to the word of the Lord: “*He will say to me*”
4. Write down things that God says to you “*Write the Vision*”
5. Keep your focus on the Lord not the World

6.

Habakkuk 2: 3 [Message]

“For the vision *is yet for an appointed time* and it hastens to the end [fulfillment]; it will not deceive or disappoint. Though it tarry, wait [earnestly] for it, because it will surely come; it will not be behindhand on its appointed day”

Wait for the Lord to bring to pass “*It will surely come*”

“Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it”

* **Vision:** [Greek meaning Prophecy: oracle: divine communication: vision as title of book of prophecy: revelation.

“Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables [books]”

* **Plain:** To make plain: Distinct: To Declare: LETTERS ON A TABLET.
Simply: To write it very clear with clarity and simply to follow.
Direct, Clear, Precise Direction.

“...that he may run that readeth it”

* **Readeth:** To call: to call OUT: To read: To proclaim.
To call with the name of God.
To read aloud.

[Plural]

To be called: To be proclaimed: To be read
To be named: To be chosen:

Luke 2: 20 [KJ]

“And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for *all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them*”

* Christmas – The Presence of the Lord
* The shepherds returned with a Christmas Praise!
* Praising God for all the things they had HEARD; SEEN; and was Told!

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- * My friends 2009 is about to come to a close
- * We need to lead this generation into 2010

Preparation

- * Can't start a New Year without asking the Lord to lead us
- * God is giving us 365 New Days
- * God is expecting us to all Him into the mix!

Oh, that the children of the Lord would push back the plate, bow bended knees, speak in Heavens Language and seek God Greatness!

Seasons of Change

"The treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Proverbs 25:2)

One	Beginning, one
Two	Witness, separation
Three	The Godhead
Four	Earth, creation, world
Five	Grace, cross, atonement, life
Six	Man, beast, Satan
Seven	Perfection, completeness
Eight	New beginning
Nine	Completeness, finality, fullness
Ten	Law, government, restoration

Isaiah 9:6

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”

- * The Lord is in charge – I know this is hard to believe for many, but the Lord is in charge
- * If we will allow Him to do His work in the church, then it will have a profound affect on the world
- * He will be called – Wonderful Counselor – Mighty God – Everlasting Father – Prince of Peace

This is a year of incredible exposure as the Lord will begin to stir the governments of the earth – Law / Government and Restoration are words of the year

Many as we close out 2009 are seeing Completeness, Finality and Fullness in many areas

Daniel 6:4

“At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so.

They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent”

* And to those who call themselves Christian Leaders in the Church and in the secular communities – Law / Government and Restoration will also be words for the year.

Hear me, we must do as David did

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- * The Sanctuary that is to be built
- * Hey my friends, this year for Godly Leadership
- * This is a time to build in Gods House for the generations

I'm not talking about a physical plant, oh those things are very important and must go on, not its much deeper than those things, I'm talking about a Shepherds Word – A God Presence – A Birthing of His Presence that will shake even the governments of this world

1 Kings 18:17 [Message]

“The moment Ahab saw Elijah he said, “So it's you, old troublemaker!” “It's not I who has caused trouble in Israel,” said Elijah, “but you and your government—you've dumped God's ways and commands and run off after the local gods, the Baals. Here's what I want you to do: Assemble everyone in Israel at Mount Carmel. And make sure that the special pets of Jezebel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of the local gods, the Baals, and the four hundred prophets of the whore goddess Asherah, are there”

Jezebel will manifest and be dwelt with

- * Because of this spirits [Jezebel] deep affiliation with the Whore of Babylon [World / Secular Governments / Powers]
- * Remember find an Ahab expose a Jezebel!
- * This Spirit will rear its ugly Anti-Christ Head in all areas of Law / Government and Restoration
- * Not only in the Governments of the World, but in the church and in homes.
- * Rejoice my friends God is in control!

Jeremiah 1:9 [Message]

“God reached out, touched my mouth, and said, "Look! I've just put my words in your mouth—hand-delivered! See what I've done? I've given you a job to do among nations and governments—a red-letter day! Your job is to pull up and tear down, take apart and demolish, And then start over, building and planting”

- * God reached out, touched my mouth
- * He has put words in our mouth and they are hand – delivered!
- * A RED LETTER DAY! Simply its time for RESTORATION
- * YOUR JOB IS TO USHER IN GODS PRESENCE!

Daniel 3:27 [Message]

“All the important people, the government leaders and king's counselors, gathered around to examine them and discovered that the fire hadn't so much as touched the three men—not a hair singed, not a scorch mark on their clothes, not even the smell of fire on them!”

- * The Government will gather around to EXAMINE
- * THE FIRE HAS NOT TOUCHED THEM!
- * They have not been touched – The THREE MEN! OH HEAR ME
- * THE GOD HEAD and those who are attached, grafted into the vine have not been scorched no, no, not a mark, untouched by the fire!

They gathered the Disciples on many occasions to examine them

- * Hey we must build a place that welcomes the Presence of the Lord

Revere God / Respect Government

2010 - Law / Government / Restoration

*** Prayer and Fasting**

*** The next 42 Days will be very intense around here as every New Years birthing is**

*** Get ready to Pray and Fast!**

*** We have four days left after today in this Year**

*** The number four signifies earth – the four corners - direction, the four seasons – winter, spring, summer, fall**

Direction and Season things we need to think about concerning the New Year

January 4th – January 24th

*** Prayer and Fasting in the Church**

*** A hand out was given to you**

*** A helps, a guide to help you**

January 25th – February 14th

*** City Wide Prayer and Fast**

*** Transformation**

Ezekiel 22:30

“I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land...”

*** 2010**

*** Think about it...**

*** We need Gods Presence to help us build a place of the Lord to Tabernacle**

*** Lets take a moment to get personal with the Lord! To think on Him!**