



Celebrating Christmas

Pursuing The KING #3

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I can celebrate Christmas...

1- Because Christmas tells me that I matter to God. (v.8-11)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
Luke 2:8-11 (NIV)

After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished,... **Luke 2:17-18 (NLT)**

Brothers and sisters, God chose you to be his. Think about that! Not many of you were wise in the way the world judges wisdom. Not many of you had great influence, and not many of you came from important families. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise. He chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ And God chose what the world thinks is not important—what the world hates and thinks is nothing. He chose these to destroy what the world thinks is important.
1 Corinthians 1:26-28 (ERV)

The lowly he sets on high... **Job 5:11 (NIV)**

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up those of lowly position. **Luke 1:52 (NET)**

2- Because Christmas offers me peace. (v.13-14a)

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”
Luke 2:13-14 (NIV)

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.
Luke 2:20 (NIV)

GOD, I’m not trying to rule the roost, I don’t want to be king of the mountain. I haven’t meddled where I have no business or fantasized grandiose plans.² I’ve kept my feet on the ground, I’ve cultivated a quiet heart. Like a baby content in its mother’s arms, my soul is a baby content. ³ Wait, Israel, for GOD. Wait with hope. Hope now; hope always!
Psalms 131:1-3 (MSG)

You, Lord, give true peace. You give peace to those who depend on you. You give peace to those who trust you. **Isaiah 26:3 (ICB)**

3- Because Christmas says God is for me. (v.14b)

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”
Luke 2:14 (NIV)

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
Luke 2:11 (NIV)

For those who find me find life and receive favor from the Lord.
Proverbs 8:35 (NIV)

I show special favor to the humble and contrite, who respect what I have to say.
Isaiah 66:2b (NET)