

“SEE The Christmas Eve Kingdom Of God”

Matthew 6:33

Christmas Eve 2022

December 24, 2022

WELCOME to our Christmas Eve worship service :-)

I'd like to begin by uniting our hearts in prayer... and then
the truth, love, & hope of Christmas Eve

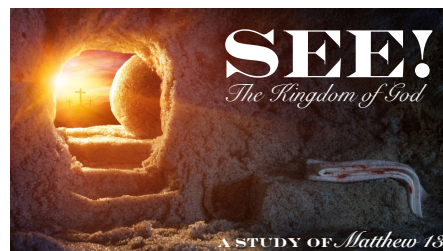
PRAYER

VIDEO: *“Light Of The World”*

INTRO:

As we begin, I'd like to ask you to think about your
personal hopes & wishes... right now, real life... please...
bring your deepest hopes & wishes into our time together...

We're going to take inventory... and for many... I HOPE and
pray... there will be some radical & eternal changes made :-)



VIDEO: *“Do You Hear What I Hear?”*

Ok... so it's Christmas Eve... the day BEFORE (that's what "eve" means) the BIG day.

Let me ask:

Do you understand Christmas Eve & why we celebrate it?
(It's NOT about the date He came... it's THAT He came!)

Let me do a little comparison & contrasting to help you...

- > Hindus celebrate their false, dead gods all year long...
- > Muslims celebrate their manufactured god for a month...
- > Jews celebrate their Christ-less Hanukah for 12 days...
- > Do you know & understand why Christians... 2/4 days?
 - ~ In order to understand today... Christmas Eve...
 - ~ You need to understand tomorrow... Christmas Day...
 - * In order to understand Christmas Day...
 - * You really need to understand Great Friday
 - * ... Great Friday requires Resurrection Sunday...
 - * You need to consider & understand...

...the history of holy hope & how it's at the core of
The kingdom of God!

BIG IDEA: *Christmas Eve is ALL about the
History of Holy Hope & The kingdom of God!*

PREVIEW:

- ~ Christmas Eve's **HISTORY**
- ~ Christmas Eve's **HOLINESS**
- ~ Christmas Eve's **HOPE**

TEXT: Matthew 6:33

*“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.”*

T/S: Before we press into a better understanding of the Christmas Eve kingdom of God... let's take a quick look at what Jesus meant by *“all these things”*

Think of *“all these things”* as the ABC's of the King's kingdom

A's ALL-the-All's... Aware, Able, Adopted, Abide, Aroma, Army, Ambassadors...

B's Bible, Believe, Beware, Become, Belong, Blessed:

~ Famous Beatitudes

~ Fruit of the Spirit

~ Full Armor of God

~ Faith & Family

C's Christ, Church, Commands, Commission, Conviction, Confrontation, Compassion

I. Christmas Eve's HISTORY

T/S: Connect today with the O.T. & N.T. peoples...

Christmas Eve began
in the Garden of Eden... in Genesis 3:15. - JDP
(cf. Genesis 1:1 & John 1:1... then Genesis 3:15 & John 3:16)

*There was no history (nor need) of hope
before the fall of man. - JDP*

VIDEO: *“Isaiah: Away In A Manger”*

And yet... since the fall of man...
Christmas Eve has been for EVERY man, woman, and child.
Amen & AMEN!

T/S: **VIDEO:** *“Come All Ye Faithless”*

II. Christmas Eve’s HOLINESS

VIDEO: *“The Birth of Christ – Luke 1&2”*

Matthew 1:23

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive & bear a Son, and they
shall call His name Immanuel, which means God with us.*

III. Christmas Eve's HOPE

The baby King was the hope of His biblical Kingdom!

- JDP

VIDEO: *"He Came To Get Messy"*

The coming King is ALWAYS the HOPE of His Kingdom! - JDP

Make no mistake... *The holy Messiah is our only hope!* - JDP

VIDEO: *"Peace On Earth"*

WE put the "mess" in Messiah! - JDP

Think of it this way: **See the kingdom of God via "MESSIAH"**

- ~ **M:** M stands for miracle, Messiah, mission
- ~ **Me:** **Christ came for me, a sinner**
- ~ **Mess:** **I personally put the "mess" in Messiah**
- ~ **I:** I see! I understand!
- ~ **Ah:** **Ah... I stand & kneel in AWE of King Christ!**

Christ's Christmas Eve hope puts the "AH!" in Messiah.

- JDP

T/S:

VIDEO: *"O Come All Ye Unfaithful"*

CLOSE:

Friends... family... loved ones... I pray that this Christmas Eve was like no other for you.

I pray that you have seen the Christmas Eve kingdom of God in a way that has blessed you.

PLEASE... always remember:

The Christmas Eve celebration
that faithfully focuses on Christ's
glorious life-starting birth... is all about
His gospel's death-ending death!

- JDP

May this closing prayer and worship song be your
heartfelt cry and passionate proclamation...

ALL by God's grace & ALL for Christ's glory.

No more, no less, no matter what!

PRAYER

WORSHIP: *O Come! O Come! Emmanuel*