

DECEMBER 2024 MESSAGE: MONTH OF

THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

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Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him. Mt. 2.2.

Rejoice greatly O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph. Behold your King is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey. Zech. 9.9

We enter the last month of the year that coincides with a season we celebrate the birth of the One whose life and ministry has greatly impacted our world. Even though He was executed for His kingship claims, about a third of the world's 8.2 billion people today call Him their Savior and Lord. *As in the first century though, only the wise really seek and submit themselves to Him, to His Kingdom agenda and to the discipline the kingdom demands.* We are indeed created to give God glory and He actively seeks those who worship Him in **spirit and truth**. So, not all worship is accepted. (Is. 43. 21; Jn. 4. 23, Mt. 15.7-9).

This month we must become **spiritually wise** and worship Him like the wise men from the east (Persia, modern day Iran) did in the first century (Mt. 2.1-12).

Kings are crowned to lead and fight wars to defend their people or terrain. A king ceases to be one once defeated or conquered by another. The following are the distinguishing characteristics of King Jesus who is also the High Priest of our faith and the Son of God, our perfect example of manhood, the 2nd Adam, our model:

- Though born into absolute poverty, His name has brought abundance to every life that submits to His lordship. His adherents, in all regions of the world, sponsor great institutions, programs and projects that boast vast sums of wealth and resources.
- Great emperors of the ancient world, and others after them like Julius Ceasar, Alexander the Great, Napoleon Bonaparte could not sustain their kingdoms though they used extreme VIOLENCE and OPPRESSION. By contrast, Jesus's kingdom continues to increase and enlarge over time in people's hearts and minds as prophesied Is. 9. 6-7. His kingdom has been built and sustained by HUMILITY, SACRIFICIAL LOVE powered by the HOLY SPIRIT, not by force or arms.
- Though He Himself never wrote any books He has impacted all academic and professional disciplinary fields in our planet.

- Though His own people (the Jews) still deny and deride him, they are amazed that persons, families, communities and nations that submit to Him and His principles experience God's PRESENCE, POWER, PEACE AND PROSPERITY. This was exactly what happened when He lived among us in the flesh. By contrast, when individuals and nations turn away from His leadership the exact opposite happens--destitution, confusion, conflict and lack--as many nations that once served and worshipped Him are experiencing today. Indeed, the greatest divide of our time today is actually a cultural one--the Judaeo-Christian ethics versus what is called 'woke' humanistic ideology.

- He was tested in every possible way but never sinned. Heb. 12. 2-4.

True worship as we learnt from Him and the wise Persians is *complete alignment with His commandments on righteousness, justice, mercy on the less privileged, humility and faith* Micah 6.8, Mt. 23.23. Nations are exalted by this kind of righteousness and experience peace and prosperity while sin brings reproach. Prov. 14.34. This year's Economics Nobel laureates confirmed this by their work on the wealth of nations.

Our King Jesus demands us all to prioritize HIS KINGDOM AND ITS RIGHTEOUSNESS. Mt. 6. 33. The wise men left their fortunes, families, future to risk a trip to worship the Lord in the first century. They gave Him their best gifts and obeyed His Father rather than Herod. They were greatly blessed generationally. It manifests today in the mass turnings to the Lord Jesus and to freedom in modern day Iran. The country's hard-line Islamic leaders have initiated peace moves with Israel after the 2024 United States' Presidential election.

May this festive season help us all to repent from all unrighteousness so we can seek and worship Him in spirit and truth. He promised to come back to take us to Himself (Jn. 14.3) --in what some refer to as the RAPTURE. Only those who practice holiness 'without spot and wrinkle' would make it as well as those actively using their gifts and resources to OCCUPY TILL HE COMES. Please use the festive season to prepare yourself for this soon coming event and plan for the coming year.

Welcome to the month of the King and His kingdom.

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