



Words to Find:	Bethlehem	Joseph	shepherds
angel	Emmanuel	manger	tax
Augustus	inn	Mary	virgin
	Jesus	Nazareth	

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Still No Room

War Cry

“And she [Mary] 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.” Luke 2:7

A professor of psychology, in a university, gave a word-suggestion test to his class of forty students. He instructed them to write the word “Christmas”, and all the class did so.

“Now,” said the professor, “write after the word ‘Christmas’ the first thought that flashes through your mind regarding that day.” When the papers were turned in, such answers as “tree,” “holly”, “mistletoe”, “presents”, “turkey”, “holiday”, “carols”, and “Santa Claus,” but not one had written “the birthday of Jesus”. It seems there was not only no room in the inn for the Saviour at His birth, but there also is little room for Him in many hearts even today.

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He Gave

Bill Brinkworth

At a time when everyone is giving gifts to each other, it would do us well to remember what God has given us:

☞ God has given us everything we have: food, drink,



health, ability to work, and a mind to think and accomplish all that we do. There is nothing that we have that God has not, one way or another, allowed us to have. Those that proudly proclaim they have “done it all themselves” do not understand that every breath, every heartbeat, and all that we do, are allowed by God. There is no such thing as a “self-made man”.

“And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.” Ecclesiastes 3:13
“I have planted, Apollos watered
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Was This His Star?

F. B. Meyer

The great astronomer, Kepler, discovered that in Christ’s birth year there was an unusual occurrence among the planets. He found that in that year, Jupiter and Saturn, which are generally in remote parts of the sky, came three times so near together that to the unassisted eye the rays of one were absorbed by the other, and their combination gave an extraordinary, brilliant light, which continued for some months. Could this have been the star that guided the wise men to Jesus?



“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea ... behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, 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. ...; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.” Matthew 2:1-2, 9

He Gave

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but God gave the increase.”

I Corinthians 3:6

☞ God has given the gift of salvation to all who will accept His way of heaven. God has given His son, Jesus, to die and pay for our transgressions. All that accept Jesus' death on the cross as payment for their sin can have the gift of salvation.

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Romans 6:23

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

☞ For those that are saved, God gave His gift of the Holy Spirit to them.

“... and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:38

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 14:26

☞ For those that are saved, God has given them one or more spiritual gifts to serve Him.

“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to

the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Romans 12:6-8

☞ For those that are saved, God has given us power over the many obstacles we face during our life-times.

“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.” Matthew 21:22

“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.” I John 3:22

God is so wonderful to give us all that He has given us. None deserve His goodness. The least we can do is to give back to Him part of what He has allowed us to have. We should give to Him, not because we have to, but because we want to. God wants us to serve Him, obey Him, and live for Him because we love Him. Do you love Him enough to give back to a giving God? No one can give more than our heavenly Father has, but will you give of your time, finances, and life to Him?

“The message of Christmas is that the visible material world is bound to the invisible, spiritual world.”

Christmas Bells

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



*I heard the bells on
Christmas Day
Their old familiar
carols play,
And wild and sweet
the words repeat
Of peace on earth,
good-will to men!*

*I thought how, as
the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken
song
Of peace on earth, good-will to
men!*

*And in despair, I bowed my head;
“There is no peace on earth,” I
said;
“For hate is strong, and mocks
the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to
men.”*

*Then pealed the bells more loud
and deep;
“God is not dead, nor doth He
sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right
prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to
men!”*

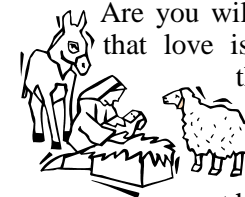
Keeping Christmas

Henry Van Dyke

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness? Are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then, you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world — stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death — and that the blessed life, which began in Bethlehem two thousand years ago, is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas.

If you keep it for a day, why not always? But, you cannot keep it alone.



“You do not have to be rich to be generous. If he has the spirit of true generosity, a pauper can give like a prince.”

— Wells