

Continuing in the Word, The King, Luke 1:30-33.

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.” (Isaiah 9:5-7.)

Jesus Christ truly is the King of all kings – the Supreme, Preeminent, Everlasting King. Prophecy declares this. The angels proclaimed this. The wise men demonstrated this. Jesus Himself stated this. He is King, and as Paul states, Jesus is highly exalted, with the name above all other names, “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11).

The thought on my mind this Christmas Eve is how will I honor Jesus as King this Christmas? And not just this Christmas, but every day that God gives me breath? Three areas of expressing Jesus’ Kingship come to mind as suggested by Paul in Philippians 2.

I can honor Jesus as King in what I think about Him – in my perspective on Him. What that really requires is thinking of Jesus Christ as Scripture tells me to think of Him: He is the Highest Exalted One with the “name above all names”. He is of the highest position, and is worthy of the highest honor and praise. Is that how I think about Him? Do I honor Him in my heart as King?

I can honor Jesus as King in what I do. Paul quotes Isaiah in Romans 14:11 saying “every knee shall bow” to the Lord. It is not inappropriate at all to literally get down on our knees as an act of worship before our Lord and King. There are other actions that communicate our humble submission and worship to Jesus Christ as well: any act of obedience . Obedience is the bowing of the knee in our spirit that is lived out in our actions. To obey His Word is to worship Jesus as King in our actions.

I can honor Jesus as King in what I say. “That every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.” How can I confess Him as Lord? I can pray it, sing it, and speak it – to my family, friends, neighbors, and even to strangers - to fellow believers, and to the lost.

Think with me as we head into Christmas, do I honor Jesus as King in how I'm thinking about Him? We may need to take a step back and first ask, "Am I thinking about Him?" This Christmas holiday, how can I honor Jesus as King in my actions? What specific commands can I obey tonight and tomorrow to worship Him as King? And what can I say to honor Him as King, and to whom can I say it? I would start with speaking to God Himself in prayer and go from there to family, friends, and whoever you might bump into.

Could there be any better way to celebrate Christmas than to worship Jesus Christ as King in thought, action, and word? As we engage in this pursuit we will find our Christmas is filled with love, peace, and joy, because it won't be about us, or even about our families and friends, but about the King of Kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ.

Warmest blessings to you this Christmas!

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