

Two Christmas Nights

Word

Scripture Reference

Hebrews 10:5-7; Luke 2:8-17

Discussion Questions

1. How do you celebrate Christmas Eve?
2. Let's visit how the first Christmas was celebrated in two places: in Heaven and in Bethlehem. How did God and the angels celebrate the first Christmas in heaven? At Jesus's birth, God issued a command that all angels worship Christ. Jesus Christ was perfect God and perfect man. He was like us but without sin. He came in a form of a servant, to serve and not to be served. What was Jesus' purpose in coming to earth (Hebrews 10:6-7)? What does doing God's will mean? What is the significance that He came in a form of a baby and not as a grown-up man? Why can Jesus understand you as a human with struggles in life?
3. The angels announced on earth the birth of the Savior (Luke 2:8-17). The King of kings was born in a manger in Bethlehem. In Ezekiel, the glory of God left Jerusalem because of idolatry, and it came back after 600 years when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Why did God choose a small town like Bethlehem as the Savior's birthplace? To whom did the angels appear to announce the birth of Jesus? How did this group of people initially react to the angels' appearance? What did the angels say to calm them down? What is the implication that God chose them to be the first ones to hear about Jesus' birth? How would you have reacted if you were one of those who first heard about the birth of the Savior? How does God honor humble hearts?
4. The third main point of this important event was the angels' proclamation that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior, has come! People consider Jesus as a great religious leader or an excellent prophet, but the angels reported that He is the Savior. Your greatest need is to be saved from your sin, that's why God sent a Savior—Jesus Christ, His Son, the Savior of the world! Then there was a multitude of the heavenly host

(angels) praising God. What did the angels sing about (v. 13)? How would you imagine this scene of an extraordinary event—dark sky suddenly lighted with brightness, angels singing and proclaiming the glory of God? What is the significance that the angels were so joyful for mankind? Share how you responded when you first heard about the story of Christmas. How do you understand it better now?

Walk

*Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,
When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity:
Oh, come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee;*

In the highest heaven, may glory be to God. And on the earth, may there be peace for mankind whom God loves. This “glory to God in the highest” is a different kind of glory. Verse 11 says that Christ has come as the Savior. People will come to know Him as their personal Savior, which will give a different level of glory to God. *And on earth, peace and goodwill toward men.* Man will be changed for the glory of God. The angels were not talking about political or physical peace, but for inner spiritual peace, which could be yours when you have Christ in your life.

What is the obligation of those who learn the good news about Jesus? Who needs to be told about the birth of Jesus Christ, which is the real meaning of Christmas? How can you glorify God as you celebrate Christmas?

Worship & Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for your immeasurable love and manifesting it to us when You sent Jesus Christ to be born as a baby in order to grow up and die for my sin. How could I ever doubt your love and provision for my needs when You have already proven how much I mean to you? You have loved me as a sinner and provided my greatest need with the Savior. Thank you that as Your child, Christ is being formed in me to reflect Christlikeness. And as I humble myself before You, You can use me even how weak and small I may be to the world. Thank you that humbleness perpetuates your strength in me. May you give me an opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas to someone I will meet this week. In Jesus' name. Amen.