## A King with No Room!

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The best example of *humility* is a *personal* one—and Jesus always showed that. The birthplace of our Lord was in a barn. It was an uncomfortable environment at best, but also a marvelous example of what *humility* really is—and which symbolized the Lord's entire life on earth—from the *Cradle* to the *Cross*.

When Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem, there was a no vacancy sign on the inn door. AV Luke 2:7 "And she 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."

It is hard to imagine the King of all kings; the Ruler of the universe; the One from which AV John 1:3 "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made," would be born in a shelter for livestock.

In those days, Kings had elegant mansions with the wealthiest. A child born to be king would have royal parents who would boast of their family line; have the best clothes; and be educated at prestigious schools—but the true *King* and *Lord* of all was born in a *cave* near an *inn* with *no room*.

It is difficult to comprehend that the God who *created* the universe would appear on earth as a child and be dependent on others for food, clothing, and shelter. Jesus, as God Incarnate, began life on earth as an infant. He developed like

any other child—but Jesus was *not* born with a sin nature because Mary was a *virgin* and Joseph was *not* his father.

When a child is born in a family, the parents want the safest environment with much preparation; blankets; a crib; warm milk, and soft garments, but He who sustains the *universe* with His Word, came to earth as the *poorest* of men.

AV Hebrews 1:2 [God] "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."

We all need to grow spiritually—and humility is the only attitude that *learns* anything. It is basic in a life of faith in God.

Jesus gave the perfect example of true humility while He was on earth. He went from a throne in Heaven to a cave on earth; from the presence of angels to an inn with no room. But AV Proverbs 16:19 "Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."

The life of Jesus is in all four Gospels—one says AV John 7:53 "And every man went unto his own house;" but 8:1 "Jesus went unto the mount of Olives." All the disciples had a home, but Jesus slept outside.

When a man wanted to follow Him, Jesus said NKJV Luke 9:58 "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

The humility of our Savior sends a strong message to the pride and arrogance of today. Jesus was poor in *material* things but rich in *divine* things. AV 2 Corinthians 8:9 "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich,

yet for your sakes he became **poor**, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

Little is said about the early years of Jesus, but He went through a learning process like most—even though knowing far *more* than any other.

NKJV Luke 2:46 "After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers."

After His mother wanted to know why He didn't tell them about staying back, He said NKJV Luke 2:49 "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" It says 50 "They did not understand the statement which He spoke to them."

Then AV Luke 2:51 "He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

Jesus left the glory of heaven to be born in a cave; Deity took on *humanity* and *humility*—God became man. He Who is co-equal with God and the Holy Spirit, visited our world to show us His Truth in person, and then to give His life on a cross to pay for the sins of the world.

Names in the Bible had meanings—Adam means *earth*—he was taken from the dust of the ground. Eve stands for *life-giving*—AV Genesis 3:20 "Because she was the mother of all living." The name of Jesus was above all other names—AV Matthew 1:21 "For he shall save his people from their sins."

Isaiah says—AV Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus for various reasons, but of greatest significance is what happened later. Thirty-three years *after* His birth He went to the cross, and then *rose* from the tomb to give *life* to all who would *believe* Him; *accept* His teaching; and *live* His Truth until He returns for His true followers.

Christmas celebrates the entrance of Jesus to our world to save us from the coming wrath. "Unto us a child is born" means NIV Hebrews 2:14 "Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who [had AV] the power of death—that is—the devil."

A Wonderful Counselor would advise us of the scriptural course and the Christ-like attitude to have.

The *Mighty God* of the universe takes the *time* to go through what He did to *counsel* us; *teach* us; *show* us; *love* us; and then *give* His life *for* us.

He told us *how* to live our life on earth so it would lead to an *eternal* one in Heaven. AV Psalm 73:24 "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory."

We must not allow anything or anyone to come between us and God; nothing that would take the *place* of God, and *no idols* in our life that are *more important* than God. AV Psalm 73:25 "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee."

It all points back to the first two Commandments—AV Exodus 20:3 "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

God wants to *teach* us, but He cannot do that against our will. He wants to *save* us, but He cannot do that if we are not willing to trust Him.

God wants to *help* us make right choices—but we need to read His Word so we can choose correctly.

We must take the time to *read*, *heed*, and *do* as the Scriptures instruct. We must understand the principle of trust on Him, by the enlightenment of His Spirit.

We all need counsel—and the world seeks it from various sources today—from books, magazines, podcasts, Google, or some other source of information. Therefore, we need to ask ourselves: Who is generating this information? Is it scriptural and according to the Word?

God wants to teach us personally; He wants us to *trust* Him and depend on His Atonement sacrifice for all issues of life, but He needs to see a *willing heart* in us, *first*—a heart that is ready to *listen*, to *learn*, and to *trust* Him.

Thousands of years before it took place, the Scriptures said Jesus would be born on earth—and He was in Bethlehem. NKJV Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

As Mighty God, Jesus has unlimited power that can do more for us than we need. We should never limit what God can do. AV Ephesians 3:20 "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above [infinitely beyond WEY] all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." The answer to prayer will bring glory to God—never to us.

As Everlasting Father, Jesus will always be there for us—even into the future, and His power is ever-lasting. God will never forsake us—so He says to us AV Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

We live in a dangerous world today— Satan is more active than he has ever been. The spiritual condition of the world worsens each day.

We know, however, that God will *guide us through* whatever we are *going through* as we trust Him in faith to do that. Jesus will give us inner peace as the *Prince of Peace*—it is a peace beyond human understanding.

The angels announced to the shepherds: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:14 NKJV, but there is not much peace in the world today. Only God can give true peace to those who truly trust Him.

The problems and troubles in the world today are caused by human beings who have turned away from God and live in rebellion to His Word.

Jesus the Messiah and Prince of Peace wants to *bring* peace into *our* life—but our *life*, our *attitudes*, our *speech*, and our *conduct* must be *aligned* with the Word of God.

Names may not seem important to most, but whether the world cares or understands is not the issue, because we *know* the importance of Bible names—especially the *one Name* that is above *all other names*.

AV Philippians 2:10 "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Our only purpose on earth is to *glorify* God—and we glorify God when we say, Not my will but Thine be done! Have we room in our heart for the King!



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