

Searching for Christmas
We Have Come to Worship Him
Matthew 2:7-12

Is it possible that the commercialization of Christmas is a result of the trivialization of God? If so, is it possible that the church itself may be ultimately responsible? Have our worship services replaced reverence and awe with the yawn of familiarity? Do we gather out of obligation and grace Jesus with our presence or do we honor the presence of Jesus with our worship?

1. The news of Jesus demands _____
 - A. His presence incites _____
 - B. His presence induces _____
 - C. His presence inspires _____
2. The possibility of Jesus demands _____
 - A. We must search with right _____
 - B. We must search with right _____
 - C. We must search for _____
3. The presence of Jesus commands _____
 - A. We _____ with respect
 - B. We _____ with gladness
 - 1) We recognize His _____
 - 2) We recognize His _____
 - 3) We recognize His _____

The men who worshiped Jesus that day came under divine protection and were able to carry the good news of Messiah back to their homeland. When we gather and truly worship King Jesus, we come under God's protective care so that we might faithfully fulfill the Great Commission. The good news of the Savior will only be told by those who have truly experienced Him in worship.

Reflection

If Jesus really is the reason for the season, then our season should focus on the mission of God. How will your Christmas season focus on Christ and His mission? Will you pray, give, and/or go with regard to missions and missionaries? It is easy to say Jesus is the reason, even easier to repost it all over twitter and Facebook, but it doesn't cost us anything. When Jesus is central to us, we retain the awe, the wonder, and the mystery of following Him. What will this look like for you this Christmas?