

**“Christmas Is the Season for Worship”**  
“Because of Bethlehem” — Part 2  
*Luke 2:13-14*

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**1. All things were made for the praise of God.**

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." Revelation 4:11

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. John 4:23

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God... Psalm 42:5-6

**Application:** The message of Christmas is a call to worship God.

**2. Gift giving is a way to worship God.**

***Consider the variety of gifts given at Jesus' birth.***

- *Angels gave the gift of worship.*

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- *Mary gave the gift of her womb and care.*

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:6-7

- *The shepherds brought gifts of their company, joyful celebration and witness.*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. Luke 2:15-18

- *The magi brought gifts of wealth and wisdom (time).*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Matthew 2:11-13

**Application:** We worship God not because He needs it, but because He is worthy of it.

### 3. How can we fully engage in this season to worship God?

- *Worship Him verbally.*

...For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.

Matthew 12:34

- *Worship Him in community.*

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Luke 2:13

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another —and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

- *Worship Him demonstrably.*

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

Psalms 63:3-4

***O come all ye faithful, bow before the Savior  
Come let us adore, the One who came for us  
Glory in the highest, praise the name of Jesus  
Our King has come.  
O come let us adore Him  
For He alone is worthy.***