

The King is Here – 4 “Celebration”

Isaiah 51:1-3 (KJV)

Comfort all her waste places.
Make her wilderness like Eden.
Her desert like the garden of the Lord.

JOY / GLADNESS / THANKSGIVING

Isaiah 61:1-3 (KJV)

Beauty for ashes
Oil of joy for mourning
Garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness

Isaiah 40:1-5 (KJV)

[Celebration]

1. Angels and heavenly host were praising God (Luke 2:13 ref)
2. Shepherds glorified and praised God at the news of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:20 ref)
3. John the Baptist in mother's womb leaped for JOY (Luke 1:44 ref)
4. Mary – “magnified the Lord and in her spirit REJOICED (Luke 1:46 ref)
5. Wise men from the east
 - When they saw the star over the house
“They were filled with JOY” (Matthew 2:10 ref)
 - Worshiped Jesus and gave gifts (Matthew 2:11 ref)

Christmas is the celebration of a Person (not a date).

Christmas reminds us that love gives (John 3:16).

Christmas reminds us of family.

Christmas reminds us of hope (miracles / signs / wonders).

Matthew 11:11-12 (KJV)

- You through Jesus have entered the Kingdom.
- That Kingdom has opposition (violence).
- You aggressively by faith receive all God has.
- James 4:7 (ref)

Communion