

CHRISTMAS SERVICE 2007
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OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS STORY

1 Timothy 1:17

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Part 4 of 4

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Introduction to the Text; 1 Timothy 1:17

Statement of Textual Summation and Theme

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King

eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise,
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

HIS MAJESTY - THE COMING KING

1.) When Jesus Answers Our Request

WHEN JESUS ANSWERS OUR REQUEST

1a.) It's because the request is pleasing to Him

John 14:12-14

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. :13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. :14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

WHEN JESUS ANSWERS OUR REQUEST

1b.) It's because the request **is honoring to Him**

The wise men came and their request was to **worship** the Lord Jesus Christ !

Matthew 2:1-2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, :2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

What an act of honor and praise, whatta gift!

We don't often think of bringing God a gift.

But we do every time we worship. Every time we do something in His name; every time we **tithe** back to Him.

WHEN JESUS ANSWERS OUR REQUEST

1c.) It's because the request **is the best thing for us**

Psalms 37:4

Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

James 4:2...

Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

HIS MAJESTY - THE COMING KING

2.) When Jesus **Brings Us His Presence**

WHEN JESUS BRINGS US HIS PRESENCE

2a.) He brings the gift of **faith**

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, :9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

WHEN JESUS BRINGS US HIS PRESENCE

2b.) He brings the gift of hope

Psalms 42:5-6

Why are you cast down, O my soul? And *why* are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him *For* the help of His countenance. :6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, And from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar.

WHEN JESUS BRINGS US HIS PRESENCE

2c.) He brings the gift of love

Love and the Act of Loving is a God-Attribute

1Corinthians 13:4-8a

Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; :5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; :6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; :7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. :8 Love never fails.

WHEN JESUS BRINGS US HIS PRESENCE

2d.) He brings the gift of grace

All of us need to be rescued from something!

Our Sense of Guilt and Shame; of Sin and Failure,
Weighs Heavy on the Human Soul.

(Remember Pontius Pilate? – He Called for a Basin of Water...)

Romans 1:7

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: **Grace** to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:24

being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

What Does Grace **Look** Like ?
What Does Grace **Feel** Like ?

WHEN JESUS BRINGS US HIS PRESENCE

2e.) He brings the gift of **mercy**

John 8:10

When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, (1)

“Woman, where are those accusers of yours?

(2) Has no one condemned you?”

Jesus Had Total and Absolute Authority to Stone Her.

WHEN JESUS BRINGS US HIS PRESENCE

2f.) He brings the gift of **healing**

**WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SAY CANNOT BE EXPLAINED ENOUGH
TO SATISFY THE SKEPTIC,**

BUT WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SAY IS SATISFACTION...

The Lord Heals Broken Lives

WHEN JESUS BRINGS US HIS PRESENCE

2g.) He brings the gift of **comfort**

Ephesians 2:14

For He Himself is our **peace**,

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, My **peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

WHEN JESUS BRINGS US HIS PRESENCE

2h.) He brings the gift of **victory**

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. **In the world** you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, **I have overcome the world.**”

WHEN JESUS BRINGS US HIS PRESENCE

2i.) He brings the gift of **life**

“Give The Gift of Life”

(is the motto for the blood drives of the American Red Cross)

Give Blood and Give Someone a Second Chance

1-800 Give Life

Matthew 20:28

just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give His life a **ransom** for **many**.”

ransom. λύτρον lutron, loo´-tron;

To step in and to buy back. To release from captivity.

To ransom something or someone is to pay the price, ransome, the price needed to redeem.

1Timothy 2:5-6

For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the Man* Christ Jesus, :6 who gave Himself (his life) a ransom for **all**,
to be testified in due time,

HIS MAJESTY - THE COMING KING

3.) When Jesus **Gives Us His Best**

WHEN JESUS GIVES US HIS BEST

3a.) His best cannot be **earned**

There's no currency acceptable to God
because earthly wealth cannot buy the things that God has.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He **gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes
in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

gave δίδωμι didomi, did´-o-mee;

to bestow, bring forth, to applied or administer to

Dear Mr. Bill Gates, Mr. Buffet, and Oprah

until you're a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ alone;
knowing Him as Lord and Savior, your wealth has deceived you, blinded you,
your wealth has robbed you of a safe and prosperous and wealthy future.

In his day he was considered to be among America's richest people.

"Some people are so poor, all they have is money"

Benjamin Franklin

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Wealth Fatigue Syndrome

The maladies of wealth come in many forms. Affluenza. Sudden Wealth Syndrome. The Lottery Effect.

Now, there's a new kind of rich affliction: Wealth Fatigue Syndrome. According to Britain's Daily Telegraph, more and more of today's wealthy are suffering from boredom and emptiness following their big-ticket purchases.

"For the super-rich, houses, yachts, cars and planes are like new toys that they play with for five minutes and then lose interest in," a psychoanalyst named Manfred Kets de Vries says in the article. "Pretty soon, to attain the same buzz they have to spend more money. All the spending is a mad attempt to cover up boredom and depression."

He adds that when someone has and spends so much money, "Feeling any sort of excitement means taking more and more risks, financially and physically."

Money, in other words, is like a drug; the more you have, the more you need to get a buzz. When a first-class plane ticket no longer satisfies, today's wealthy board private jets. When that feels common, they buy a private jumbo jet. And so on.

We all like to think that wealth makes you happy. That belief is a core part of our culture. Yet the real impacts of great wealth are far more complicated.

For one thing, great wealth brings new problems. Maybe you don't have to worry about cleaning the house (the maid will do it) or paying the bills (the private banker's job). But now you have to worry about hundreds of friends and relatives asking for money. And your investments crashing. And your kid turning into a spoiled brat. And the question of whether your girlfriend or boyfriend loves you, or your money. According to one recent survey, more than 10 percent of millionaires say wealth creates more problems than it solves.

WHEN JESUS GIVES US HIS BEST

3b.) His best can never wear out

HE NEVER BECOMES IMPATIENT OR SHORT

It's timeless, always in, always fashionable

?? Are you "Feeling" Left Out or Unworthy ??

Do you hold yourself in contempt?

Psalms 34:18 & Psalms 51:17

The LORD *is* near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Psalms 51:17

The sacrifice you want is a broken spirit. A broken and repentant heart, O God, you will not **despise**. – *refuse, push away*

WHEN JESUS GIVES US HIS BEST

3c.) His best will never **disappoint**

This Past Week a Man Hung Himself.

What lead to that happening? What story did he have?
Why did death appear more peaceful and restful than life?

John 10:9-11

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. :10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. :11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

HIS MAJESTY - THE COMING KING

4.) When Jesus **Becomes Everything To Us**

WHEN JESUS BECOMES EVERYTHING TO US

4a.) Our lives no longer become our **responsibility**

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. :29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. :30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

WHEN JESUS BECOMES EVERYTHING TO US

4b.) Our Lives begin to be **found in Him**

Phil. 3:9

and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. :2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

WHEN JESUS BECOMES EVERYTHING TO US

4c.) Our lives are given **a very specific plan**

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, **which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**

You Can Make It a Merry Christmas This Year

End of Study