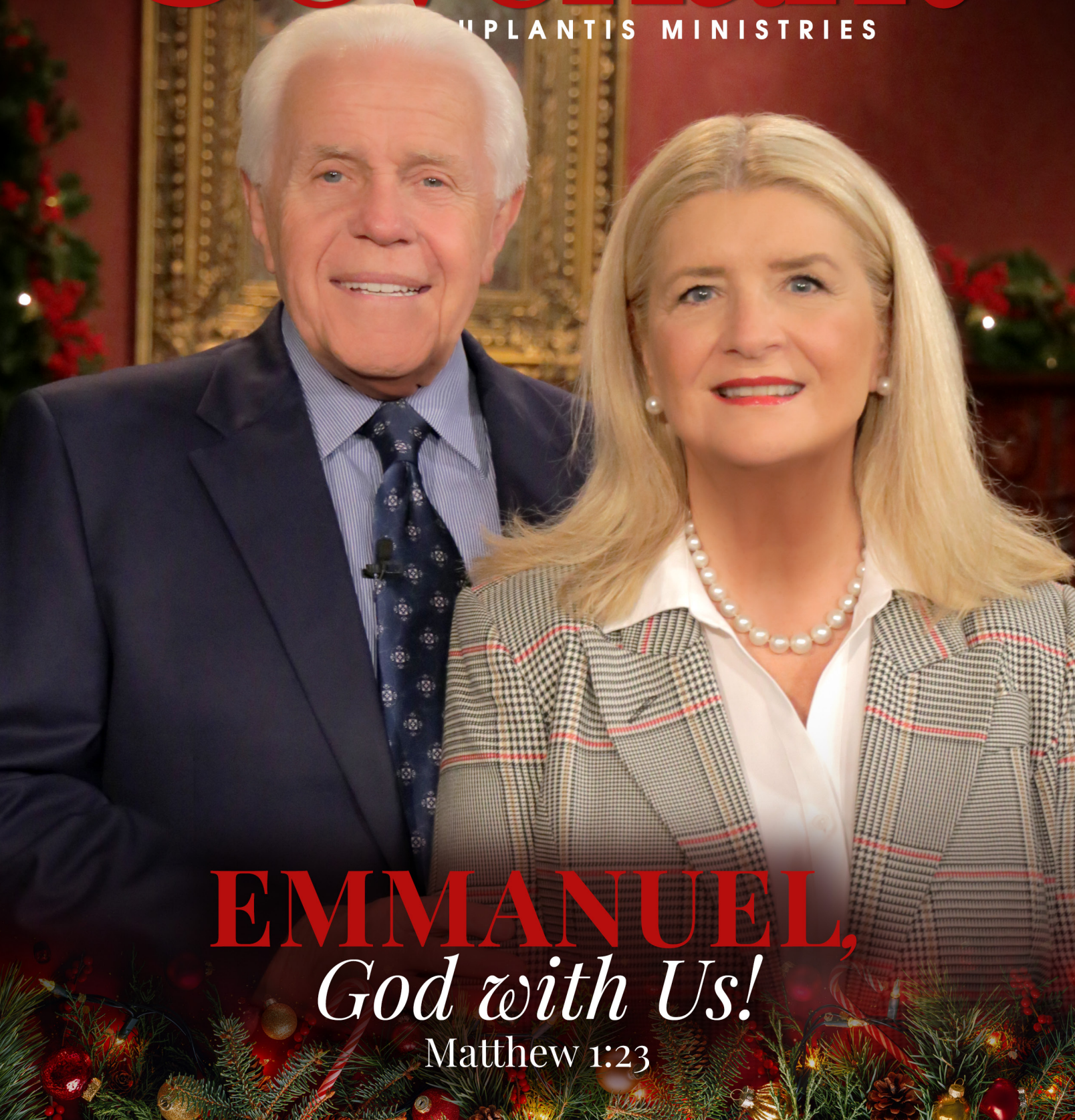


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We are excited to celebrate the miraculous birth of our precious Savior with you, our JDM Partners! There is a reason why Christmastime is considered to be the most wonderful time of the year. Underneath all of the busy shopping sprees and gift-giving, the atmosphere is filled with the love of our Heavenly Father. His lovingkindness and tender mercies captivate the hearts of believers all throughout the world. Because of Jesus, it truly is the season to be jolly!

As we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, let us also rejoice in our awesome God and give Him thanks for all of His overwhelming blessings. Take time with your loved ones to meditate on our ultimate gift—the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. As Matthew 1:23 states, *“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”* This powerful verse of Scripture reveals that no matter what you may be facing in your life today, you are never alone! Be inspired to step boldly into your purpose as you continue to “Create Your World and Walk In It” with the Spirit of God residing within you. Be encouraged to take hold of this biblical truth of the Gospel and realize that you can do ALL things through Christ Who strengthens you! Our Heavenly Father loves you so unconditionally that He walked straight off the throne and became Emmanuel, God with us. Now that’s the best gift of all, and it keeps on giving!

Thank you, Partners, for helping us spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to a lost and hurting world. Your partnership is precious to us, and we are committed to carrying out the call of reaching people and changing lives, one soul at a time. Remember, you never go a day without prayer. May you experience the everlasting love of Jesus as you celebrate His wonderful birth with those you love.

Merry Christmas,  
Jesse & Cathy

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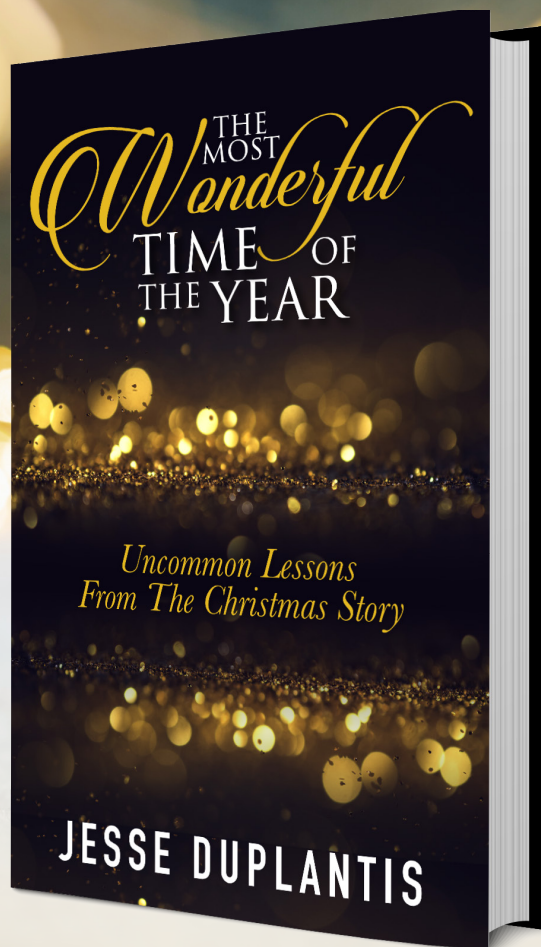
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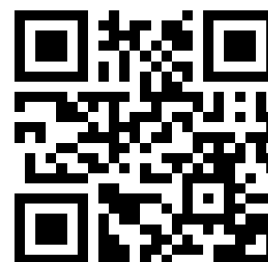
There's more to Christmas than buying gifts and the traditional songs we enjoy each year. In Jesse's book, *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, you'll be inspired to live a higher life of faith by exploring the wonder of God's mysterious ways in the lives of people, both ancient and modern.

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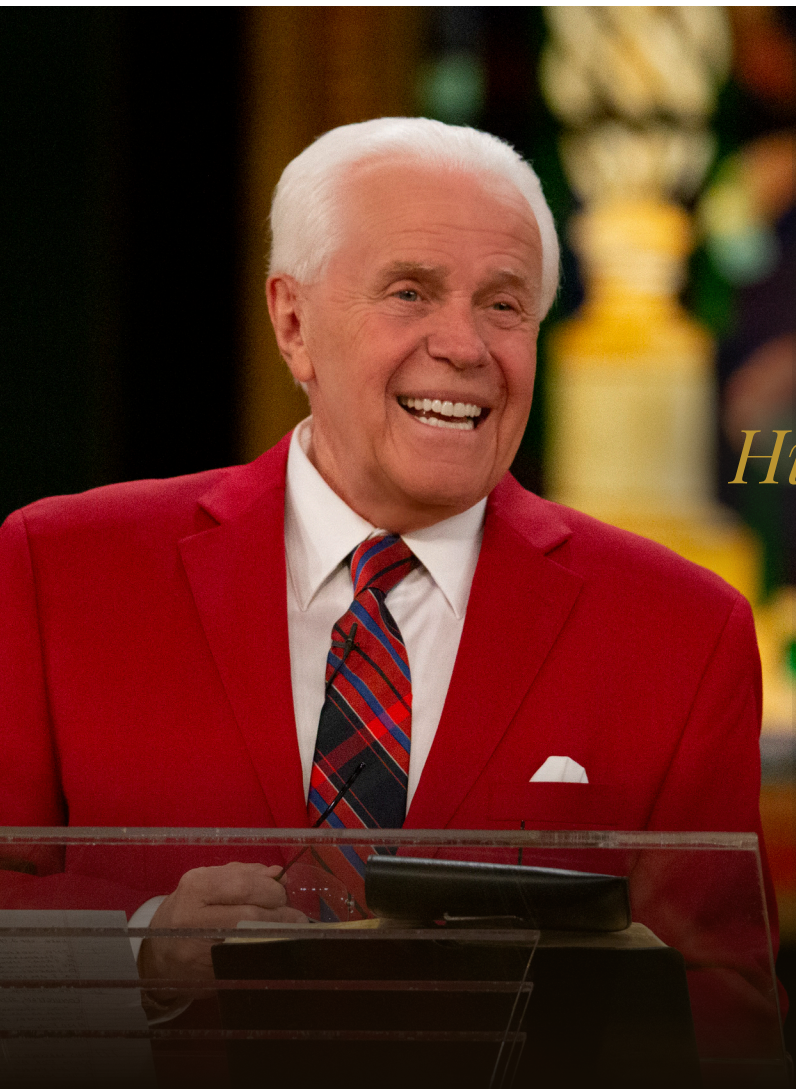
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# No Work of God Is Devoid of Power— *His Promises Will Always Come to Pass*

JESSE DUPLANTIS

I've seen my wife, Cathy, heavy with child—I mean, she looked like she was pushing a pointed barge! She was only 95 pounds when she got pregnant, and at the top weight of her pregnancy she was 115 pounds. But when we went to the hospital so that she could have our baby, her belly was so big she looked like every pound she had was right there in the middle!

Even though I was about to be a first-time father, I didn't worry when they wheeled her into the room. I knew without a shadow of a doubt that Cathy was in good hands with that doctor and with that nurse. I knew that those medical professionals knew their job—they knew what they were doing and I trusted my wife to their care.

I didn't assess the situation and say, "Hey, doc, I think you're doing it wrong right there, gimme those forceps!" Why? Because I *knew* that I didn't know anything about delivering a baby! I didn't overstep my

position. You see, I knew how to create a baby, but I didn't know what to do in order to birth a baby. So I let that doctor do the job I was paying him to do.

When it comes to applying the Word, it's your job to create things with the words of your mouth and the meditations of your heart—but it's God's job to birth those things. He is the deliverer! Let God do His job.

God is not called the Almighty for nothing. Everything He does is marked by His own power—and no work of God is devoid of power. When God uses someone you never thought He would use, it's a testament to His ability and will to move that particular person. He didn't pick them out of a hat. He chose them to help facilitate His plan, and His purpose is His own. Remember that no work of God is devoid of power—His work will always affirm His almightiness and faithfulness.



## God's Power Affirms His Almightyness and Faithfulness

If you are believing God for your healing, what is your job? How do you create the atmosphere for healing? You begin by saying what the Word says, “By His stripes I am healed.” You may think, *But I feel pain*. This is not the time to say what you *have*; it’s the time to say what you *want*—you aren’t denying the present, you are creating the future with the words of God. You are dealing with something serious, your health, so it’s time to be serious about the Word. You decide that you are going to do your job and be diligent—because your body depends on it. You change the circumstances with the words of your mouth, the meditations of your heart, and the actions you take that align with what you are creating. Every time your mind wants to tell you something different, you bring those thoughts into captivity—to the obedience of God’s Word. You call those things which be not until they are.

Whatever it is that you want to create in your own life, you will need to begin with the thoughts in your own head. And if you want what God says, then you need to say what God says. That’s your job. He does His. And together, your life grows, heals, expands, and gets better and better. It’s abundance of whatever it is that you are wanting. Abundance of health, prosperity, peace, joy—whatever it is that you desire.

God will move people into place, and some will recognize God is using them while others may not. Your job is just to align yourself with God’s Word—not just in word, but in thought and action—and watch Him bring it to pass. All the promises of God are yea and amen, according to 2 Corinthians 1:20, which means yes and so be it! So, say “yes” and “so be it” to the Word that has the power to quicken your mortal body and bring the desires of your heart to pass. Don’t fight what you really want by doubting your Father, the Creator of everything that exists. No work of God is devoid of power, and it’s His power that affirms His almighty and faithfulness.

## We Must Look Forward to the Future with Firm Conviction

At Christmas, it’s natural to feel nostalgic—we tend to look back, and sometimes that is with joy and other times it is with sorrow. We often have this idea in our

head that is formed by movies and other things that Christmas should be a certain way, and that people should act a certain way—and some may be tempted to focus so much on the actual gifts that they lose sight of the kindness itself in giving. It’s a blessing to be given anything at all. It’s a blessing that someone thought of you.

If you allow what you get or how people act to dictate whether you will be happy celebrating Christmas day or not, you are giving them too much power. It’s not other people’s job to make you happy and fulfilled. Joy is from the Lord and it’s in your spirit. You can tap into it at any moment—but you have to take the pressure off of yourself and others. You don’t have to “make Christmas perfect.” It’s not a holiday to perform as if your family is on the big screen. It’s a holiday to be authentic in your love, joy, and generosity as a celebration of Jesus Christ. That’s what makes it the most wonderful time of the year.

Jesus came! God sent His only Son. That is the greatest gift we could ever get. Anything else anyone gives or does for you, if the food happens to be good or everybody happens to get along, well, that’s just a bonus! If you fix your eyes on people to meet all your desires, you just may have a very disappointing holiday season.

The love Christ has for you is personal and deep, and it blows away any gift anybody can wrap. Draw close, fix your eyes on Him, and remind yourself that everything you are doing is really about honoring Him. So, when you give, give with a pure heart. When you receive, receive with gratitude. Choose to be blessed by whatever comes your way. It’s not about how much money you spend on a gift or how many gifts you get. It’s a few weeks out of the year when people all over the world unite under a spirit of giving and love—and the reason is because of the Christ child, no matter what the shops say!

## Jesus—He Didn’t Stay in the Manger

I’m thrilled God came in human form, but focusing on Jesus as a baby isn’t really the best way to think about God in the flesh. Jesus is not a baby anymore. He outgrew that stage quickly and there is a reason why there isn’t much in the Word about His time as a baby—and it’s because it doesn’t hold a candle to the teachings He gave us in adulthood, His sacrifice on the cross for our redemption, and the promise of His return.

If you think Jesus surprised the world when He was born, just wait until He returns! It's going to shock the socks off people—and just like His birth changed everything, His return will change everything. The next part of God's plan is Jesus' *return*, and that may be sooner than you think. God will move people into place. He will influence both believers and unbelievers. God will make sure that His plan comes to pass.

Traditional Christmas celebrations will always shift your focus *back*. But I encourage you to see the *future* in that manger. Your future. The future of the world. The plan of God is still in action. The whole plan was housed in that little baby—but the baby is all grown up! Jesus is in Heaven waiting for the Father to say, "Go get them!"

The King of Kings, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, and the Bright and Morning Star! Through Mary, He became a biological member of the human race. I've often asked myself, "Why?" God could have done things another way, but He chose to put on flesh and be with us.

## Jesus—The God Who Could Be Touched

You couldn't hug God before Jesus came. Yet, when God took on a fleshly form in the person of Jesus, children could not only come close, but also sit on His lap. Can you imagine being held by the God of all Creation? It was our human flesh that gave God the ability to dampen down His glory enough for us to stand it and not just blow up under the intensity of His glory. There is a reason we are going to need incorruptible bodies. Maybe God became human because He wanted us to be able to see Him, touch Him, and hear His voice too.

I don't know why, but every time I think of that, I am reminded of my daddy and a one-toed bird he named George. My daddy bought this parrot, and he loved him. I don't know why he loved him because George was as mean as a snake. The only reason we had the bird was because nobody else wanted him. George had lost two toes and only had one to hold on to the perch—but Daddy fell in love when he saw that bird and had to have him, and so George lived in the kitchen.

Daddy wanted that bird to talk so bad, so he'd say, "George boooy, the dear boooy" over and over and over. So this crazy bird began to say, "George boooy, the dear boooy." And once he said that, he started

saying everything. You had to watch what you said around George. If you cussed, George would cuss too. He was really smart, but he was still mean. If you put your finger in his cage and you weren't my daddy, he would flat cut your finger with his beak! You better not put it in far; you just might lose the whole thing. George was rough. Now, he'd let Daddy touch him, but not much. Oh, but Daddy wanted to hold that bird. He was always talking about it and leaning in like he might take him out of the cage and try.

"Don't do that, Daddy," I'd say, "George will kill you. You think he likes you. Look at him! He's looking at you like this!" and I'd make a face. "He don't like ya, Daddy! You're always making fun of his toe and he heard that!" Daddy didn't listen to me. He'd just look at George with love and laugh and talk about his toe. George hated us all, but out of all of us, he hated Daddy a little bit less.

So one time, Daddy took a paper bag, shoved it over George so he couldn't see, and pulled him up to his face and just hugged him—fast! George couldn't see anything and Daddy was so happy hugging that bird in a bag. I waited, looking at that thinking, *If that bag slips, if Daddy decides to lift it a little and George sees what's going on, Daddy is gonna lose his nose! That bird is going to take it clean off!*

I guess George liked Daddy more than I thought, because Daddy did lift that bag up and George just wanted to get back in his cage—took his one toe and twirled around and made it back to where he wanted to be. George could do amazing things with just one toe. He fascinated me, even though I hated his stinking guts because he always told on me when I tried to sneak food out of the fridge at night. "Jesse's in the fridge! Jesse's in the fridge!" he'd holler, and I'd get so mad, I'd want to knock him off his perch. He only had that one toe, so I thought I could do it, but George wasn't having it—he'd snap so fast, I'd pull my finger out before he could get me and just cuss.

You couldn't do anything around that bird because he was so smart. He didn't just repeat stuff, he could think! And if he didn't know what to say, he'd just go to squawking so loud that somebody would show up to tell you to quit whatever you were doing.

Well, sometimes I laugh and think that, just like Daddy wanted to hug George, God wanted to hug us—even if we are a nasty, surly, and sometimes mean bunch



of people. God still loves us. Even when we're snapping at Him, He still loves us. Maybe we've been beat up and are hobbling around like a one-toed parrot—I think God sees it all, and has mercy on us because He doesn't just know the details of what happened in our lives, He knows the intentions of our heart.

Maybe God came down as Jesus because He just wanted to be close to us—to walk with us and hug on us, and show us how to live better and more loving lives. God knows we won't be here long. He knows it's just a vapor. His perspective is so different from ours because it's eternal. But I believe He enjoyed being with Adam, walking in the cool of the day, before Adam was corrupted by sin and lost whatever made him able to be in God's presence without burning up.

God came to be with us. It's the reason we have Christmas. And He's going to enjoy being with us in Heaven, too. We serve a loving God, a good Father, Who still has plans in the works. We may not know all of His plans, but we do know that Jesus is coming back—which means God is coming back. We can trust Him to follow through with what He said and we can trust that He is with us every step of the way on our own life journey too—all we've got to do is stay close to Him and we can be sure that He will stay close to us.

No Christmas party on this earth and no gift given or received can possibly compare with what awaits us—whether we cross over through earthly death or He comes back while we are still living here—whichever comes first, the end result will be the same. We will once again be face to face with God.

### **Don't Worry or Get in a Hurry— Due Season Is Coming**

If God could use a man like Caesar Augustus, and God could use a man like Cyrus too, can He use men in power today? Has He used political figures in the past? You better know it! Even if they were unconscious of it, some were used by God—because when God has a plan, He makes sure to bring it to fruition.

So, if you are worried about anything in your life, if there are things you are believing for, let your mind be at ease in Christ—remember that Christ, the hope of glory, lives in you. You have a Comforter in the Holy Spirit. He can lift your emotions and give you peace even in circumstances that leave you feeling low. Your worry melts in the light of His presence because love itself is a purging

and cleansing thing—it can cast out all fear, and He will if you let Him in. We submit to the Lord and trust Him, and it brings peace. If we choose not to do that, then we can get comfortable in our own misery.

The Bible says, *"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth"* (John 16:13). Has He come? Yes. Will He guide you in all truth? Yes. If you submit yourself to Him and allow your faith in Him to rise, you will access His guidance—worrying, begging, and pleading doesn't help. Faith helps. So, choose faith. Choose to trust.

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Give God your all, and not just a little bit of your faith. Fill up when you need more because you've used it up. Keep moving forward knowing that everything God said, He will do. You don't have to worry or get in a hurry. God's plans for you will come to pass. Be not weary in well doing because you will reap if you faint *not*.

Whatever you are sowing is coming back. Don't quit “well doing” just because you don't see your manifestation yet. Don't be like those people who stopped caring about babies born in Bethlehem because the prophecy seemed to have passed. In due season, we reap. In due season, our faith manifests results. In due season, God orchestrates His plan down to the last tiny bit. Nothing He does is devoid of power, and soon enough you will see yourself propelled by that power and His promise to you will come to pass. 🌐

This article is an excerpt from  
Jesse's book, *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*.

# God's Promise of Eternal Life Through Christ Is for You

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

John 3:16

Friend, your Heavenly Father loves you so much that He sent Jesus Christ to the Earth for *you*. Long before Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, God had you on His mind. You were to be part of His wonderful plan for a reconciled family. Jesus was God in the flesh, born of a virgin, and lived among men. He came to pay the price for sin by shedding His blood on the cross. Today, He is offering you eternal life in Heaven and a victorious life full of real peace and joy here on Earth.

If you don't know Jesus or if you just aren't where you should be and want to come back home to God, would you take a moment and say this prayer with me? All you have to do is reach out to Him with simple faith, and He will reach right back down to you and help you right where you are. He's made it so easy. As you say these words and simply believe with your heart, you will be born again—made new from the inside out. Are you ready?

*Jesus, come into my life. Forgive me of my sins. I ask You to cleanse my heart and make me a new person in You right now. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died on the cross for me. Jesus, I want to thank You for loving me enough to die for me. I accept all that Your shed blood bought for me on the cross, and I receive You as my Savior and Lord. Amen.*

If you prayed this prayer, I want to welcome you to the family of God! All the old things are passed away and everything becomes new (2 Corinthians 5:17). Your slate is now clean before the Lord, and His Spirit is alive within you to guide you to the abundant life He's promised you.

It's important that you let someone know of your decision to follow Jesus, and I'd love to hear from you. I want to rejoice with you and also send you a free booklet, *Understanding Salvation*, to help you in your new walk with Christ. You can contact me online at [JDM.org](http://JDM.org) (click on "Do You Know Jesus?") or use the response/order form included in this magazine.

Remember, you serve a mighty, loving, and faithful God Who wants to work powerfully in you and through you. Submit to Him and align yourself with His Word every day, in thought and action, and watch Him bring to pass His amazing plan for your life. Merry Christmas, and may God bless you as you go and grow in Him. Cathy and I and the entire JDM Team are praying for you!

Love You,  
Jesse







# There is POWER *in Prayer*

Jesus says in Mark 11:24 NKJV, *“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”*

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# Christmas Gifts

## by Jesse & Cathy

### HEAVEN: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE GOD KIND

As you experience this amazing testimony, it's our prayer that you will understand the great love God has for you and the great future He has for you in Heaven. Start spreading the news that Jesus is coming soon! As Jesse says, "Heaven: it's a great place. You don't want to miss it!"



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### GIVE GOD A JOB

In Genesis 18:14, God asks, "Is any thing too hard for the LORD?" The answer to His question is "NO!" In Jesse's newest book, *Give God a Job*, you will discover that our magnificent God is ready and able to fulfill every promise that He has for you. It's time to ask in faith and start living on Earth as it is in Heaven. Remember, if you keep God busy, He will keep you busy!



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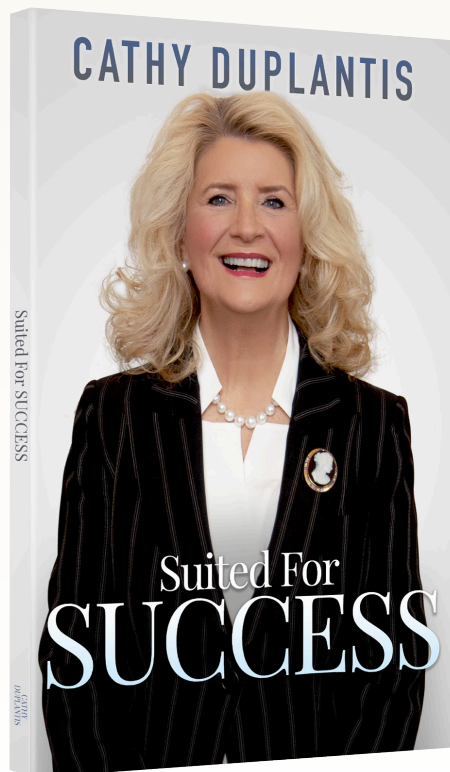


## THE POWER OF PRAYER

Are you ready to tap into an open line of communication with God that will unlock Heaven's gates to you? In *The Power of Prayer*, Cathy Duplantis equips you with biblical principles that will posture your heart to your Heavenly Father and guide you into an intimate communion with Him. You serve a good God Who desires to hear and answer your requests. Choose to live a life devoted to prayer—it's your lifeline to God's power operating fully and freely in your life!



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## SUITED FOR SUCCESS

While societies in the world today are driven by the desire for success, many Christians seeking success in their own lives are not well received. But the TRUTH about God's view of success is revealed throughout the Bible. His will *is* and *always has been* for all of His children to thrive, prosper, and achieve everything in their lives that He's called them to do.



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# GLORIOUS MOMENTS *with Cathy*

This Christmas, I pray that your heart will be filled with praise to God for all that He has done and is doing in the lives of people all over the world. Ephesians 1:6 (NLT) says, *“So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son.”*

For 49 years, Jesse and I have been proclaiming wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing God’s glorious grace and goodness that He has poured out on those that belong to Him. Thanks to our faithful Partners, we are reaching people and changing lives through evangelistic meetings, television broadcasts, monthly magazines, our website, social media platforms, products, and our FREE JDM APP.

Thank you for taking the time to read these glorious moments in the lives of those that belong to Jesus. May His glorious grace be poured out on you, and may you have a very Merry Christmas!



Thank you and your prayer team for standing in faith with me for the restoration of my right leg following a total hip replacement. The Lord gave me the best consultant in the hospital, and the care I received was as good as any private treatment. The operation was a total success. When I went for my 6-week checkup, the physical therapist took away my crutches and didn’t even give me a walking stick. Hallelujah! She said that I could even start driving again. Double Hallelujah! At six months, I am still only halfway to my final checkup, and I already have a new life. The surgeon corrected my right leg and made it ½ inch longer, and I am walking taller, without limping, and am more pain free than at any time since my accident in 1987. I praise God Who was before me and with me through all of this, and has truly watched over His Word to see that it was fulfilled. I also thank you both for the inspiring teaching and exhortation that raised my faith to a level that I could receive this healing.

Your *Faith the Facts* messages are a fantastic and masterful encouragement. Jesse is a master encourager! Thank you, Jesse!

I always enjoy your preaching, Brother Jesse. You make the Gospel plain enough for everyone to understand. God bless you.

Brother Jesse, your teachings and preaching have changed me and my family’s lives. Thank you!

Thank you, Jesse and Cathy, for the two of you and for what you do. Your recent Partner Letter so blessed me. This same principle you taught in your Partner Letter was what my late husband and I believed and lived. Praise the Lord! It created our world yesterday, today, and forever, and was passed on to our children.

The letter the Lord allowed you to write to me continues to be used as a point of contact and confession of faith, and it continues to produce the Lord’s amazing results. A situation dealing with inheritance taxes was eliminated. Then, another situation was fixed where I’m no longer financially bound to a parent loan for one of my children. They have, by the grace of God, stepped in and are now paying the loan’s monthly payments. In your letter, you spoke of the Lord giving supernatural favor to cut or completely eliminate debt—that is happening!

You are two of my most favorite people on planet Earth! You have changed my life and the life of my husband by how real you are, and by how much you teach us about the kingdom of God by how y’all live like my Christ Jesus. Thank you for showing us that it’s OK to laugh as a Christian. I believe Jesus sits in the front row of your sermons and is very blessed by what you do.

Thank you for making it possible to watch Jesse on my phone every Sunday.



Hi, Brother Jesse. I came to the Visionary Conference a few years ago. I asked the Lord specifically for you to pray for me, believing for a mantle for kingdom finance. You called me out and said, "Come up here, you, in the green suit." You called me the Jolly Green Giant. You released an impartation and I hit the ground like a sack of potatoes. Since then, the Lord has really been blessing us in an unusual way. He asked me to do something, and when I did, He gave me an airplane. People judged me for having a plane as a pastor. The Lord asked me to gift my plane, and so I did. I took joy in the gift and was excited to see what the Lord would do next. I was given a 333-acre ranch in Washington with 40 black angus cows. I have received multiple houses I didn't build, 3 barns, and now we have a vineyard we didn't have to plant. Thank you for helping me get free of a poverty mindset. Thanks for being bold and for teaching truth. I will never again lack for any good thing! We love you.

Thank you, Pastor Duplantis, for your sermons (they are full of God) and for the excellent Spanish translation. *\*This praise report has been translated into English for you to rejoice with us.*

Jesse, thank you for everything you have taught me through your messages. I started tithing to your ministry about 4 years ago. I want to share just a little bit of how I see Jesus blessing us since I started to understand the importance of tithing through your teachings. I desired a tool box around the same time I'd sent my tithes, so I started asking Jesus for a tool box. I found a used one that looked like a regular small tool box with two pieces, with bottom and top drawers, for \$300. I called about it, and it was still available, so I bought it. It was huge and full of tools. The guy had lost the keys and said for me to just take it like that. I was so excited and praising Jesus for giving me the desires of my heart. I got the tool box opened, and the tools inside were worth more than what I'd paid for the tool box. I knew that Jesus wanted to bless me and to make me realize that your teachings are true. After researching the tools inside the box, I found out that they were worth over \$3,000. After that, it has been blessing after blessing. I desired an old car to fix up, and I found a 1920 Model T to work on. God also blessed us to be able to purchase the lot across from our house, and I just finished building my 60x30 garage just the way my heart desired it. In times past, it didn't matter how much we worked or saved; we could barely make our bills, much less have extras. Since listening to your messages and applying what I have been learning, we have been blessed! I want to thank you, Jesse, for teaching us the true meaning of tithing. I can't thank you enough.

Jesse, you have no idea how much you have helped me. Thanks to our Jesus for your teachings. Gratitude and celebrations from India.

I cannot express the blessing you have been to me over the years. While watching you the other night, it came to my mind about how you had called me out during one of your programs. I had almost given up hope of being in the ministry. Though I know the Lord has given me many dreams and prophecies many times in my life, but after going through hip replacement in both hips and many other family circumstances, it just seemed like all was over. However, you said towards the end of your program, "I see a woman sitting in a chair watching," and you said something such as, "God is still going to use you to bring in His harvest—yes, you!" I know it was me, because the Lord bore witness. That was such a blessing and gave me hope.

You both are a light to me in this evil world. There is so much negativity everywhere and the world is crazy, but you guys definitely have the light and joy of our Lord in you, that's for sure. Blessings from Iceland.

I'm thankful you and Cathy are so blessed because your example of giving and your honesty makes me want to do the same. God is good, and you represent Him well.

Brother Jesse, you are so full of our God and Holy Spirit! You always make me laugh and want to serve and obey our Lord Jesus. I'm so thankful God created you and your sense of humor. I enjoy hearing you teach and preach.

Hello, Jesse and Cathy. I love to listen to you preach and teach. It makes me want to get a blanket, popcorn, and soda, as if I was watching the funniest movie in the world. I love you guys, and I can't wait to see you in Heaven. You guys have helped me hear God's voice.

Dear Jesse and Cathy, thank you for all of your preaching and help that you bring to others (including me). I love your humor, especially your series, "A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like a Medicine!" You know what else I love? Your phrase "You trust me, I trust you, and we both trust God!" In fact, I have it memorized because it's so good.

Dear Jesse and Cathy, you have changed my life for the better! You are doing so good, as you say, "Changing souls." Well, you have changed my soul. Thank you. You two are doing so amazing. I have heard you tell of the people you've helped, and I am going to do as great as you (or better) when I am a state police officer. So, thank you. Your "A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like a Medicine" always cheers me up. Keep preaching to the world!



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# GOD IS IN *Love with* US

Do you know how deeply God Almighty, the Creator of the universe, loves you? The Father tells you so in the most beautiful love letter ever written, which is also one of the most well-known scriptures He's ever authored. In John 3:16, He says, *"For God so loved the world (you), that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* God gave you and me the best gift anyone could ever receive—His Son Jesus Christ. That's why every day is Christmas to me.

Now, anyone who is familiar with me at all knows that the Christmas season is always my most favorite time of the year. I love it because people all over the world are celebrating the birth of Christ together. Even those who aren't Christians know when we celebrate Jesus' birth. It seems like people everywhere are more focused on others—they're just nicer than normal, don't you think?

Well, I was fellowshiping with the Lord one Christmas season and began meditating on Isaiah 9:6 that says, *"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."* I can't tell you how many times I've read that scripture, but this time a light went off in me, and I saw another level of the Father's heart that I had not seen before. Think of it: God in the flesh, born to us—breaking the bondage of sin, hell, death, and the grave—giving us a way to come back home to our Creator and live free. Glory!

When I think about how the Father gave us His Son in baby form, I can't help but praise His holy name. Jesus came into this world as a child *for you and for me*. I love how God says it in John 1:14: *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."* Why was God made flesh? Because He's *in love* with us!

God's love for us can be hard for our human minds to wrap around, but God told me to think of it like this: After a person falls deeply in love with someone, they realize that they



can't live without that person. Well, that's how it is with God. The Father fell in love with you when He thought of you, even before the foundation of the world. He knew that man would fall and He didn't want to live without you, and so you became a part of His great redemption plan. On that miraculous day, when God sent His Son in baby form to set you free, you were right there in the Christmas story. Why? Because He fell *in love* with you from the very beginning.

While I was spending that time with the Lord learning more about His love for mankind, He told me some things that I will never forget. He brought me to Genesis 1:26, where He said, "...*Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness...*" Then He told me, "Jesse, I am in love with mankind. I made many species, but when I created man and woman, My love for My creation went to another level. I made mankind better than all the other species combined." He said, "Jesse, you are the most special in my eyes—I made you just like Me."

Think about that: You were made in the image and likeness of God Almighty! Ever wonder what the Lord looks like? Just look in the mirror—He looks like you! On top of that, He gave you His very own DNA. He gave you a character just like His. Can you see how irresistible you are to Him?!

Realizing the depth of God's love for us can be hard. Until I was born again, I struggled with affection and love. I never had much of it. As a kid, I knew my mama loved me, but my dad? I didn't have much fellowship with him when I was growing up. We never went fishing. We never went anywhere, really. All we did was work, and that's just how it was back then.

I remember one time, when I was five years old, I tried to hug my mom. My grandfather sternly shook his head at me, telling me not to do that. So, I backed away from her. He said, "Jesse, we're men. Men don't do that around here." I wasn't a man. I was five! That was stupidity, but that was the mindset I grew up with. I don't know how many times my mama wanted to hug me, but I wouldn't let her. But everything changed when I was born again, and my mama witnessed my miraculous transformation from that point on.

How many times do you think God wants to hug us, but we don't let Him? All those years ago, I knew God was pulling on me, but I wouldn't receive Him. I wouldn't let Him become flesh in my life and dwell within me. I mean, I always believed in God—at least I thought I did—but I sure didn't act like it. I only went to church on Easter Sunday or on Christmas. Even then, I'd only go to midnight mass so that nobody could see how drunk I was.

But on Labor Day weekend in 1974, my helplessness became God's opportunity. I watched Billy Graham on TV in a hotel room and I gave my life to Jesus. The reason for Christmas became real to me that day. I was flooded by a love I had never known before. That's what Jesus wants to do for all of us. He wants to hang His glorious star in the darkest sky of our lives. He wants us to fall in love with Him the way He fell in love with us, so that we can experience His intense, unconditional, life-changing love forever. Glory to God!

Understanding and knowing how deep and how great God's love is for mankind comes from recognizing your place in God's magnificent Christmas story. I encourage you to read John 3:16 every day and put your name in there. Say, "God so loved *me*, that He gave me Jesus." Live like it's Christmas on a daily basis and bask in Christ's unconditional love. He is deeply in love with you right where you are, and He promises that He always will be. I pray you have a Merry Christmas today, and every single day, and I declare Ephesians 3:17-19 over your life and family...

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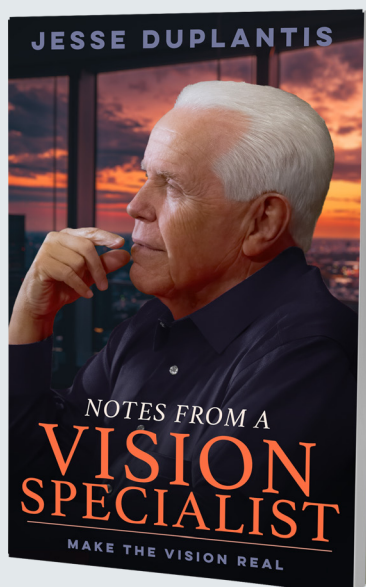
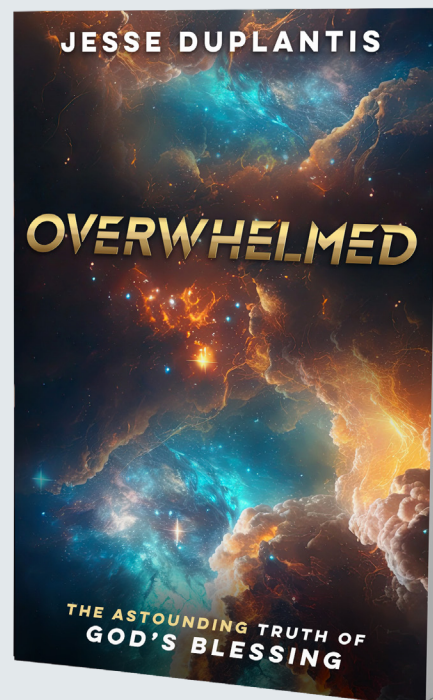
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# *A Christmas* JOURNEY

CATHY DUPLANTIS

Although I know that nativity sets are usually displayed during the Christmas season, I have several that are very special to me that I have chosen to remain up all year long in different parts of my home. My favorite one is about six inches high, with two angels standing in prayer behind baby Jesus, atop of a small round music box that plays Silent Night as it twirls around. Another very special one is in a display cabinet next to my chair where I enjoy my morning devotions. This blue and white Delft nativity set has Jesus in a manger along with Mary, Joseph, an angel, a

donkey, a cow, a shepherd, sheep, camels, and three wise men with gifts for the new born King.

The Gospel of Matthew is the only place in the Bible where we learn about these wise men. Matthew is the first book of the New Testament, and the first of the four Gospels. It is perfectly situated in the Bible because it connects the past with the present and with the future. Matthew wrote this Gospel to his fellow Jews to prove that Jesus is the Messiah. Matthew, who was also called Levi, was a despised tax collector before Jesus called him to be one of His 12 disciples. Tradition says



that for 15 years following the Resurrection of Jesus, he preached in Palestine and then conducted missionary campaigns in other nations.

Matthew recorded the genealogy of Jesus and His birth in the first chapter of His Gospel. In the next chapter, we are told about a Christmas journey of wise men from the East to find the newborn King in Matthew 2:1-12 (KJV):

*Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him.*

*When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule My people Israel.*

*Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young Child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also.*

*When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and*

*frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.*

## **Those Who Are Wise Will Always Seek Out Jesus to Worship Him for Who He Is.**

Most of us have grown up listening to Christmas carols about three kings. But the Bible doesn't tell us they were kings, nor how many "wise men" journeyed from the East to find the newborn King of the Jews. In that day, Jerusalem had a population of at least 25,000, so it is unlikely that three men coming into town would have troubled Herod the king and all of Jerusalem with him.

Tradition says these were wise men of high position from Parthia, near ancient Babylon. Their journey to seek the newborn King was not a day trip. They probably traveled thousands of miles through unknown territory with their best treasures. It is only logical that they would have traveled with armed guards, as well as with servants to set up camp and prepare meals. It likely may have been a caravan of one hundred or more on that journey from the East.

These wise men that journeyed to see the King of the Jews were not playing around! They had seen that star announcing the arrival of the newborn King, and it compelled them to make that long journey to see Him. They were on an intense quest for God that was beyond the ordinary. They were earnestly seeking Him with all their heart. When they finally found Him, they responded with joy, worship, and gifts.

## **Diligently Seeking the Presence of Jesus Is the Greatest Journey That Anyone Can Have in This Life.**

The men that journeyed from faraway lands were diligently seeking Jesus. They recognized Him as the Messiah when most of God's chosen people in Israel did not. Hebrews 11:6 (KJV) says, "*But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.*"

When Jesus was born into the world, people immediately began to react. His presence did

not soothe and comfort most people; instead, it startled and disturbed them. In some He awakened spiritual longings; in others, fear and insecurity. Things have not changed that much. Jesus still disturbs some people.

Matthew's Gospel reveals Jesus as the King over the whole world, not just Judaea. Christmas is an undeniable reminder to all the world that God entered our world when Jesus was born. It is a call for every person to recognize Jesus as the rightful King of their life and begin their personal faith journey with Him. Like those wise men so long ago, everyone that diligently seeks God will find Him. They will discover the greatest journey that anyone can have in this life. Nothing can compare with being in the presence of Jesus.

## **God Has Thoughts of Peace to Give a Good Future to Those That Seek Him Wholeheartedly.**

Throughout Scripture, we find repeated references to people seeking after Him—each one revealing a quest for God with an intensity that is beyond ordinary prayer. The prophet Jeremiah, writing to a rebellious, disobedient nation of people that were in captivity due to bad leadership, said this in Jeremiah 29:10-13 (NLT): *“This is what the LORD says: ‘You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the LORD. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me.’”*

The word “look” along with the phrase “wholeheartedly” suggests an earnestness that borders on desperation. It suggests a close pursuit of a desired objective; it also implies a diligence in the searching process.

After the 70 years of Babylonian captivity were fulfilled, the prophet Daniel was diligently seeking God. When he read the words of Jeremiah's prophecy, he began to earnestly pray for the fulfillment of God's good plan. Daniel 9:2-3 (NLT) says: *“During the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, learned from reading the word of the LORD, as revealed to Jeremiah the prophet,*

*that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years. So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and fasting. I also wore rough burlap and sprinkled myself with ashes.”*

The prophet Daniel lived in Babylon over 400 years before the birth of Jesus. So, it is entirely possible that the wise men in Jesus' day grew up hearing the stories of the prophet Daniel. They may have even had copies of the Holy Scriptures to study. It is clear from Scripture that those who look wholeheartedly for God will find Him.

Those wise men may have read the story that is recorded in the book of Numbers about an enemy Moabite king, Balak, that had commissioned the prophet Balaam to curse Israel so that he could defeat them. Balaam told the king of Moab that he could not curse what God has blessed. Instead, he pronounced a curse on Moab and blessings on Israel, which went well into the future. Numbers 24:17 (KJV) says: *“I shall see Him, but not now: I shall behold Him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.”*

It is possible that the wise men may have heard about a Star that would announce the birth of the King of the Jews. The word “Star” is capitalized in the King James Version because it was a clear reference to Jesus as King, with power and authority. No wonder these wise men were on a journey to seek Him!

Matthew tells us that the wise men continued to press forward, following the Star. When they found Jesus, they rejoiced with exceeding joy. Finding Jesus Christ should always fill us with exceeding joy. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life—He is the Savior, the Friend, the all in all. There is no other way of life, and there is no peace to the soul until He is found. When we are guided to the Son of God, our hearts should overflow with praise and exceeding joy.

It is believed by many Bible teachers that Jesus was probably one or two years old when the wise men found Him. By that time, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were living in a house, not a stable. Matthew 2:11 (KJV) says: *“And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him...”* Notice it says *Him*, not them. Mary worshipped Jesus too!

## Every Successful Journey in Life Must Conclude with Worship of Jesus, the Only Mediator Between God and Mankind.

The wise men journeyed to worship Jesus for who He was and brought gifts worthy of a King. These “wise men” were extremely wealthy. They opened their treasures and presented gifts to Jesus that totaled a great sum of money—not tiny presents wrapped with bows, but treasure chests full of financial wealth.

Although we are not given the monetary value of each gift, we know that these types of gifts were extremely valuable. Each one represents Jesus as King, Priest, and Savior. Gold was a gift for royalty: Jesus is King of kings. Frankincense was used in temple worship: Jesus is High Priest. Myrrh was a spice used to anoint a body for burial: Jesus is Savior.

These very valuable gifts would have financed Joseph, Mary, and Jesus’ trip to Egypt. It also probably supplied their living expenses for a number of years even after returning to Israel.

## Finding Jesus May Mean That Your Life Must Take a Different Journey—One That Is Responsive and Obedient to God’s Word.

After finding Jesus at the end of their journey and worshipping Him, we read that the wise men were warned by God not to return through Jerusalem. They did not follow Herod’s instructions to bring him word about the newborn King of the Jews.

Have you ever wondered what questions the wise men may have had the day they saw Jesus? Do you think they asked Mary the name of her baby? Did they ask why she named him that?

Matthew 1:21 (KJV) tells us, *“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.”* The angel spoke these words to Joseph, revealing that Mary’s child was conceived by the Holy Spirit and would be a Son. This verse reveals an important truth about Jesus: He is both God and human. The infinite, unlimited God took on the limitations of humanity so He could live and die for the salvation of all who would believe in Him.

After giving our lives to Jesus, Jesse and I began a different journey than the direction we were on when we were married in 1970. Like the wise men that followed the Star, our family took on a different journey after we were born again. Today, we are still seeking to know Jesus more and more. We are dedicated to living lives that are responsive and obedient to God’s Word.

Jesus’ name means “the LORD saves.” He didn’t come to help people save themselves; He came to be their Savior from the power and penalty of sin. Jesus came to Earth to save us because we can’t save ourselves from sin and its consequences. No matter how good we are, we can’t eliminate the sinful nature present in all of us. Only Jesus can do that. He was born, lived a sinless life, and was crucified on the cross to give eternal life to everyone that believes in Him.

The Scriptures tell us that the wise men journeyed to worship Jesus with the treasures of Earth in their hands. I believe they finished their journey with the treasure of Heaven in their heart. Like the wise men that traveled from the East so long ago, you too can receive the treasure of Heaven in your heart. In a moment, you can begin a new life’s journey filled with exceeding great joy for a Merry Christmas, and for all time! 🌐

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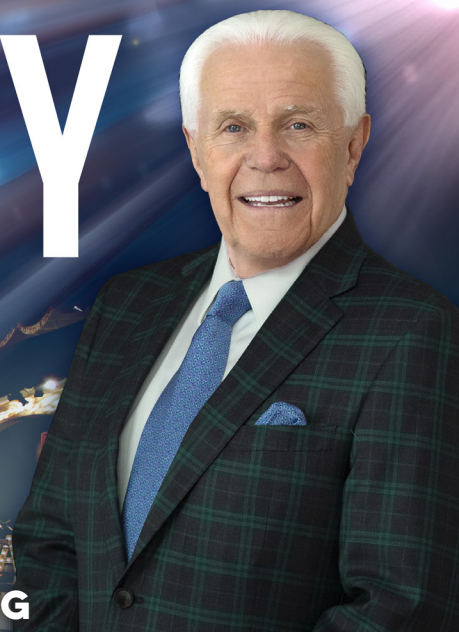
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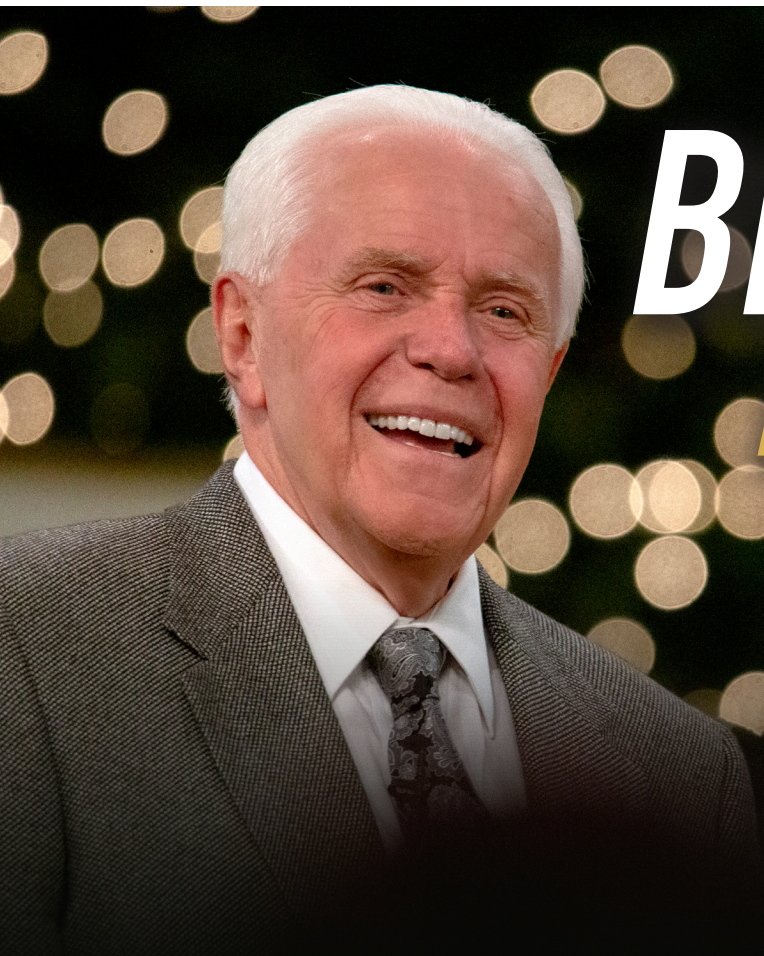
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