

*Heaven
came
Down*

**A Heart
Prepared
for Christ**
LUKE 2:21-32



Christmas preparation by God for man

Luke 2:21-24

The position of Christ:

He was fully man. Luke 2:21

“And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision...”



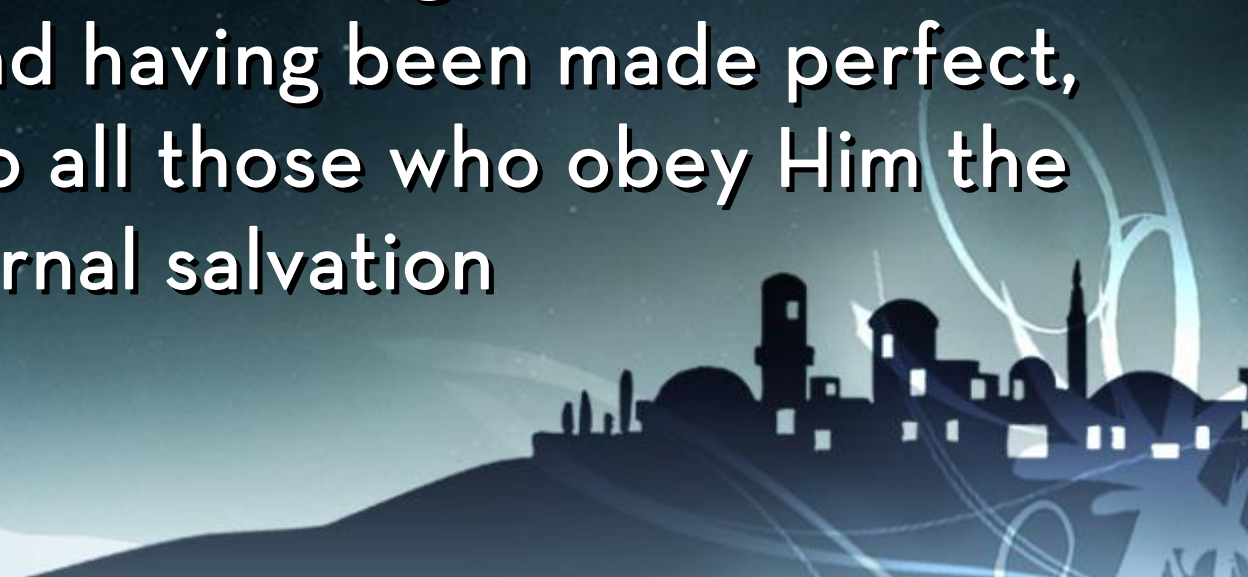
Exodus 13:2

“Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me.



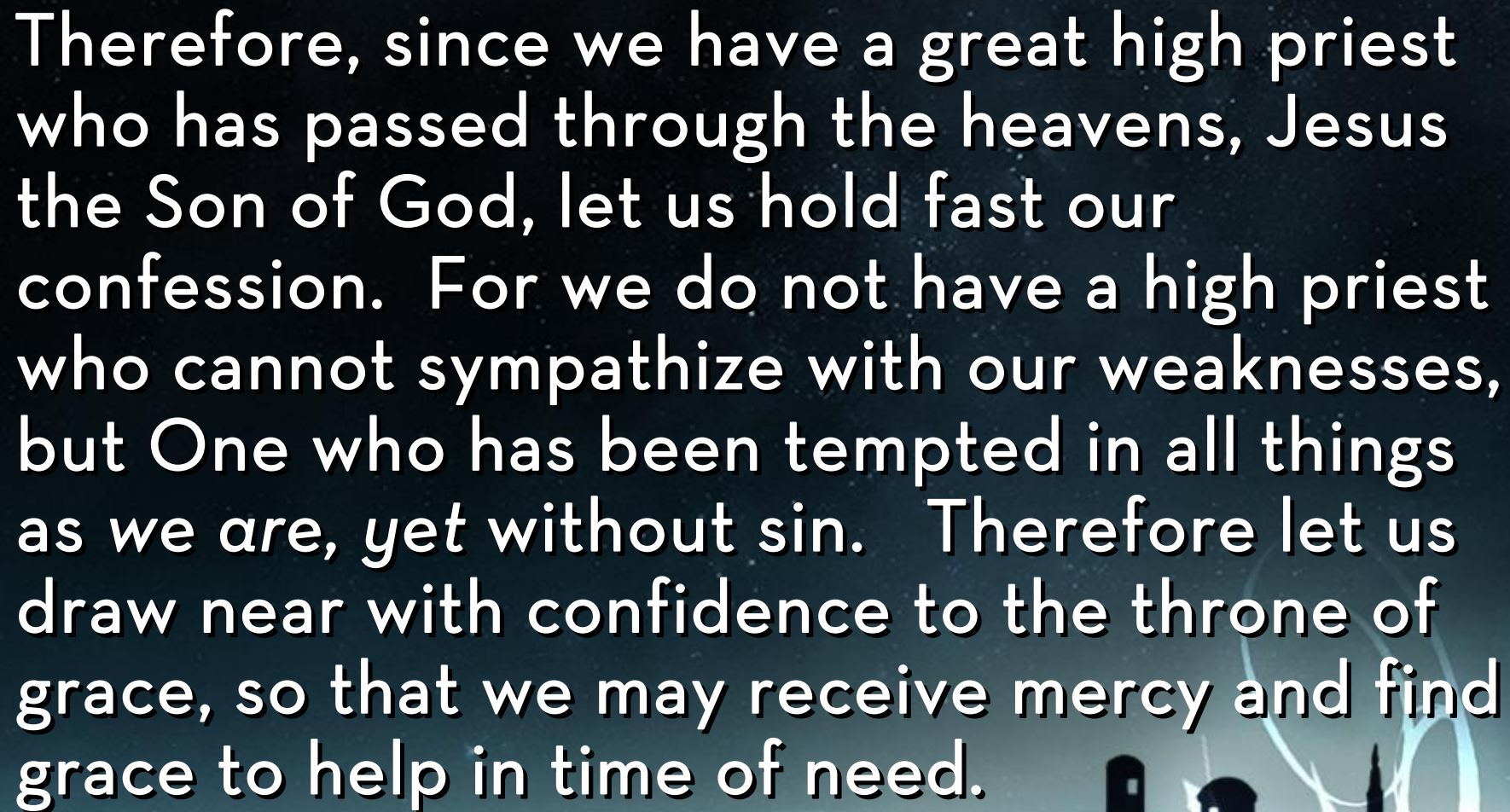
Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation

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Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are, yet* without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them



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The divine purpose of Christ:

He is God our savior. Luke 2:21

“His name was then called Jesus...”



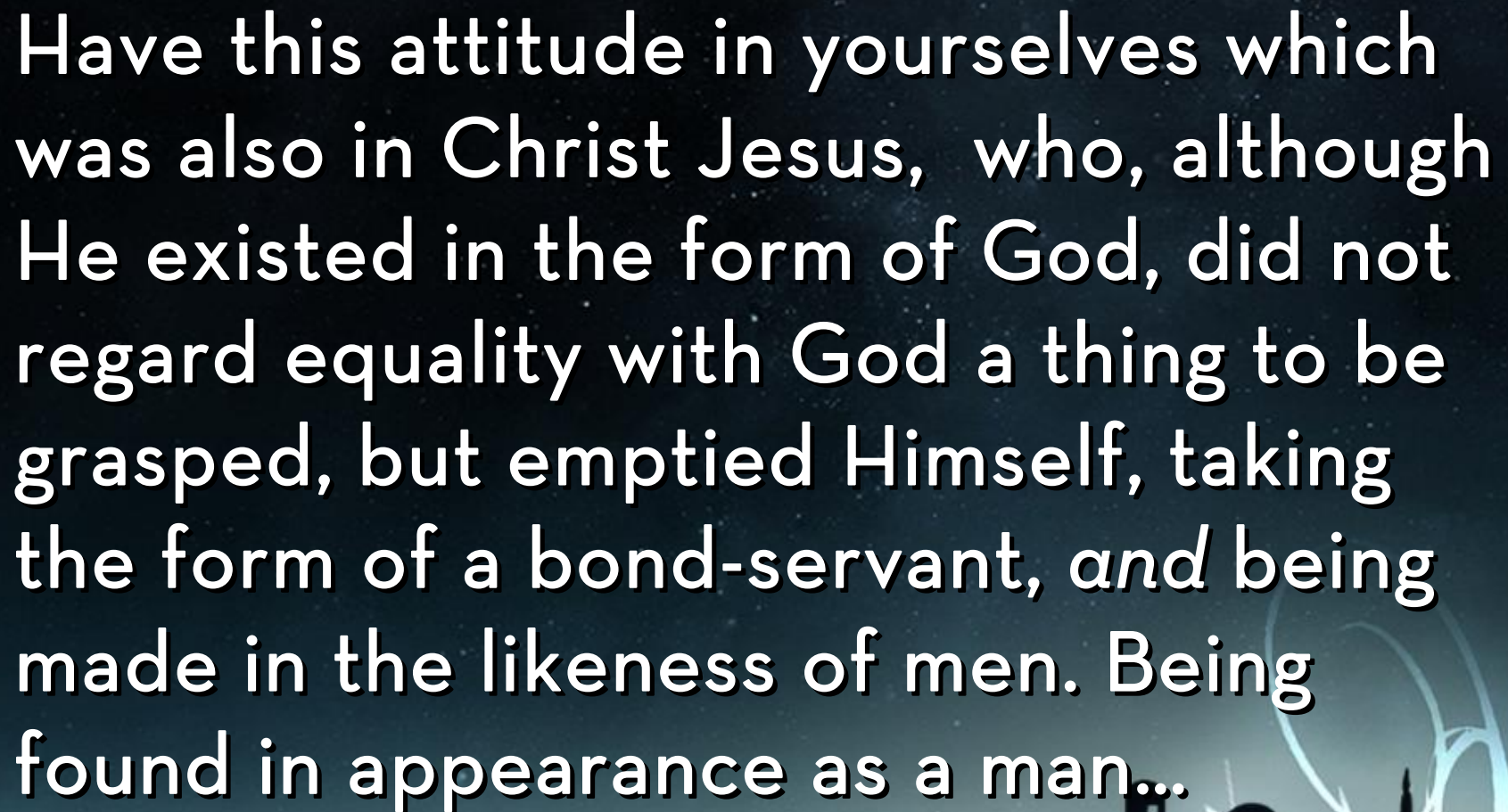
Matthew 1:21

“She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”



Philippians 2:5-8

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man...

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Luke 25-30

- Simeon's position:

He was righteous and devout. Luke 2:25

Righteous: faultless, guiltless, used of him whose way of thinking, feeling, and acting is wholly conformed to the will of God

Devout: *eu, well, lambanō, to take hold .,* careful as to the realization of the presence and claims of God, reverencing God



II Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin *to be sin on our behalf*, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness



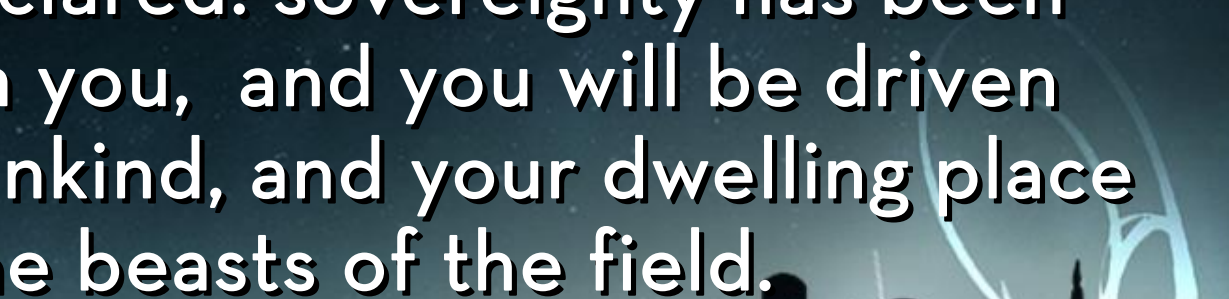
Visitor's Center, Washington DC

“We have built no temple but the Capitol. We consult no common oracle but the Constitution.”



Daniel 4:30-32 King Nebuchadnezzar

“The king reflected and said, ‘Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?’ “While the word was in the king’s mouth, a voice came from heaven, *saying*, ‘King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you, and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place *will be* with the beasts of the field.

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Daniel 4:30-32 King Nebuchadnezzar

You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.



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Luke 25-30

Simeon's purpose:

looking for Christ. Luke 2:25

*“...**looking for** the consolation of Israel...”*

(see digging deeper)

What are you looking for in life?



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Luke 25-30

Simeon's power:

the Spirit of God enables him.

Luke 2:25-27

*“the Holy Spirit was upon him...
revealed to him by the Holy Spirit...
he came in the Spirit...”*



Titus 3:5-7

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the **Holy Spirit**, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.



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Luke 25-30

Simeon's peace:

With Christ, his life is at peace,
ready for death. Luke 2:29

*“he took Him into his arms, and **blessed**
God ...depart in peace, according to
Your word For my eyes have seen Your
salvation,”*

Blesses = eulogos,
eu=good, logos=words



Luke 2:29-30

Now Lord, You are releasing Your
bond-servant to **depart in peace,**
According to Your word; For my
eyes have seen Your salvation,



- *Are you ready to die in peace?*
- *Have you seen the salvation of Christ?*
- *Have you personally received Christ into your life?*

