

Message: The Unseen, Christmas and The Lord's Table

Scripture: Selected Texts

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1. The Unseen

1) The Angelic World

2) The Evil Commander And Chief

3) Satan's Allies

4) Satan's Strategy

(1) To Tempt

(2) To Deceive

(3) To Accuse

5) The Christian's Armor

(1) The Belt of Truth

(2) The Breastplate of Righteousness

(3) The Footwear of Peace

(4) The Shield of Faith

(5) The Helmet of Salvation

(6) The Sword of the Spirit

6) Spiritual Warzones

(1) Spiritual Warzones can include activities that appear harmless.

(2) To participate in such warzones puts one in contact with demons.

(3) To be exposed to such warzones typically leads to broken fellowship with the Lord.

2. The Unseen And Christmas

Matthew 2:7-12 (NASB)

⁷ Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared.

⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him."

⁹ After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was.

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

¹¹ After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹² And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

Revelation 12:1-2

¹ A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;

² and she was with child; and she cried* out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

Revelation 12:3-5

³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.

⁴ And his tail swept* away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

⁵ And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

3. The Unseen, Christmas And The Lord's Table

1) Greater is He who is in you than He who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

2) As believers we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:27-31

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.

³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁵ In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- 3) To commune at The Lord's Table is to experience God's grace, to enhance our faith and thus to experience His blessing.

Recall The Cross (mind)
Relive The Anguish (emotion)
Recommit Your Vows (will)