

Should We Celebrate Christmas at all?









Why Dec. 25?

- One person considers one day more sacred
- than another; another considers every day
- alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in
 - their own mind. Whoever regards one day as
 - special does so to the Lord.



Romans 14: 5-6a NIV



The Gift Gold Au Frecious Metal Symbol of Kingship on earth 196.967 7 Frankincense Resin from tree Highly fragrant Symbol of healing

Myrrh

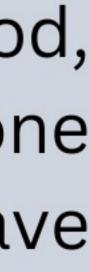
Resin from tree Spice for embalming Symbol of suffering

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THE KING





THE GIFTS





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CHRISTIANITY IS PRACTICAL



- Faith without works is dead James 2:14-26
- Therefore produce fruit consistent with repentance - Matthew 3:8 (NASB)
- Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. - 1 John 3:18 (NIV)



THE SYMBOLISM OF FRANKINCENSE



Exodus 30:34-35 (NET) The Lord said to Moses, "Take spices, gum resin, onycha, galbanum, and pure frankincense of equal amounts and make it into an incense, a perfume, the work of a perfumer. It is to be finely ground, and pure and sacred.



Hebrews 4: 14 & 15 (NET)

Therefore since we have a great **high priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest incapable of sympathizing with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way just as we are, yet without **sin**.



Hebrews 5: 1-3 (NET)

For every high priest is taken from among the people and appointed to **represent them before God**, to **offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins**. He is able to deal compassionately with those who are ignorant and erring, since he also is subject to weakness, and for this reason he is obligated to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people.





Hebrews 5: 7-9 (NET)

During his earthly life Christ offered both requests and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his devotion. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through the things he suffered. And by being perfected in this way, he became the source of **eternal salvation** to all who obey him, and he was designated by God as high priest in the order of Melchizedek.





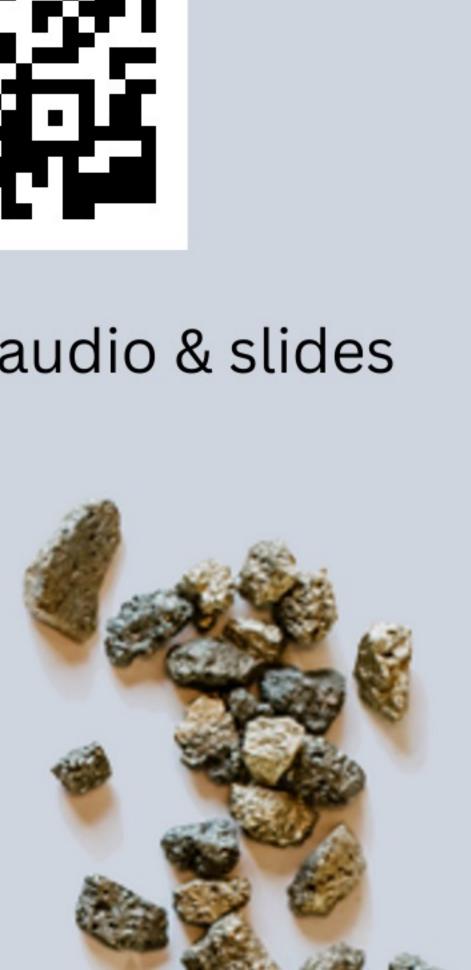
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the holiness of God,

we no longer take a

casual approach to sin.



When we understand

Why His Priesthood Matters?



2. Restoring our priesthood

1. Dealing with the sin problem comprehensively



What should our response be?



- 1. Practical Worship (Like the Magi) 2. Obedience (Matt. 28:20) 3. Be a living sacrifice (Rom. 12: 1-2)
- 4. Tell others about Him (John 1:29)

John 1:29 (ESV)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!



For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 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." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 (NIV)

