

PRESENCE PROMISED

December 4, 2022

Isaiah 7:1-25, Luke 1:26-38

GOD CAME _____ TO CALL US TO _____.

I. As the waiting warrior, God received shaky _____. – v. 1-9

If I am _____ in anything other than Jesus, I am not firm in faith.

II. As the unseen sovereign, God received false _____. – v. 10-25

What things tend to consume your thoughts, time and money during Christmas? What are you most excited or passionate about around Christmas? These questions may uncover some idols that we are giving more tribute to than Jesus during the Christmas season. What are some intentional steps you can take to ensure Jesus is receiving His proper worship from you this Christmas?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

In humility God came down to us, and in humility we are called to submit to Him. Our faith and worship are confirmed by our obedience and submission. Is there an area of your life or a Christmas practice that is not submitted to Jesus? Is there any area of your celebration of His birth that could be better submitted to Him? Confess and submit.



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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. STUDY THE WORD

Read Isaiah 7:1-25. What was the downfall of Ahaz and Judah? How did they fail to see and believe in God's presence? How did God respond to them (negatively and positively)?

Read Luke 1:26-38. How was Mary's response to God different than Ahaz's? Why did she respond differently to God's promise? How did her response produce a different outcome?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What things are we tempted to run after and hope in during the Christmas season? What are your biggest potential disappointments at Christmas? How do these things impact your heart during Christmas? Are they helping you to grow in your faith in Jesus, or are they distracting you from your faith at Christmas?



*If I am _____ to anything more than
Jesus, I am engaging in false worship.*

III. As the incarnate king, God received _____ submission. – v. 14,
Luke 1:26-38

Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$9,160
This Month: \$42,547
Last Month: \$53,858
Monthly Budget: \$30,555



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