

Behold Him

Video: Christmas Worship Intro

(2Co 3:17-18) ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

context: law vs. new covenant (letter kills, Spirit gives life)

Moses veiled glory – veil removed in Christ

Principle: We become what we behold.

Jesus enabled us to behold His glory.

Beholding Him transforms us.

Christmas is about beholding Him. Pic: Manger

(Mt 1:23) ²³“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

Behold; God became a man to reveal Himself to us. (accessible)

(Mt 2:1-2) ¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

(Mt 2:9-11) ⁹When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him.

Behold; the King born worthy of worship.

It’s always worth the journey to worship; it ends in joy.

(Lk 1:31-33) ³¹“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³²“He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³“And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Behold; the greatest leader ever, Whose reign is eternal.

He will bring justice to the earth. (hope)

(Lk 2:8-14) ⁸Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²“And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Behold; the Savior of all men, revealing His glory to the lowly.

God’s intentions toward men are peace and good.

(Lk 2:17) ¹⁷Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

(Lk 2:38) ³⁸And coming in that instant she (Anna) gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

Christmas is a great time to make Him known.

Two early 1700's English hymns:

Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Joy to the world
The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room