



Hope for the Holidays

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.
(This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant.

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

~ Luke 2:1-7

Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows.

~ John 16:33

Truths To Remember When Your Comfort Is Compromised

- I. GREAT THINGS have been known to happen in uncomfortable places.

So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite of the prison warden. Before long, the warden put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison.

~ Genesis 39:20-22

Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, "May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea," and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.

~ Mark 11:22-23

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- I. GREAT THINGS have been known to happen in uncomfortable places.
- II. If you're a Christian, God has a whole lot of comfort waiting for you IN HEAVEN.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

~ Revelation 21:1-4

And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.” And he also said, “It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega – the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.”

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~ Revelation 21:8

What we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he
will reveal to us later.

~ Romans 8:18

Are you still trying to maintain your integrity?
Curse God and die!

~ Job 2:9

But Job replied, “You talk like a foolish woman.
Should we accept only good things from the hand
of God and never anything bad?”

So in all this, Job said nothing wrong.

~ Job 2:10