

Response to God's Visit

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Matthew 5:44 *Love your enemies that you may*
Acts 4:12 *Salvation is found in no one else*
Hebrews 2:14 *he too shared in our humanity*

- 1 Two thousand years ago angels announced:
AV Luke 2:11 “*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*”
- 2 Our response to His visit is vital—and there is only one *right* way to respond.
- 3 God visited earth to pay a debt He did *not owe* and to redeem a people who could *not pay!*
- 4 Only Jesus, as God, could make a flawless sacrifice for humans. AV Romans 9:5 “*Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.*”
- 5 God *visited* us because He *wants* us to be part of His family—but all too *many* over all too many *years* are Luke 13:34 NKJV “*not willing!*”
- 6 The world is just not interested in anything pertaining to faith in an unseen God.
- 7 Regardless of the world’s *rebellious* attitude, we must take a *submissive* attitude and

allow God to teach us what we *must* know—the importance of *believing* Him; *trusting* Him; and *asking* Him for a complete attitude change in us!

8 AV Job 10:12 “*Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.*”

9 God came to give us His plan—and anyone willing to *believe* in His Son will be forgiven, delivered, healed, protected, and prepared. YLT John 3:18 “*He who is believing in him is not judged.*”

10 Our response to the Master’s visit should be that of the shepherds—they immediately went to see the prophesied Messiah.

11 Following their visit, they AV Luke 2:20 “*Returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.*”

12 The greatest Gift ever given is the salvation plan for eternal life—just by faith in the One God sent. Faith *in* Him means trust *on* Him for everything—like a totally *different* way of doing, deciding, and treating others.

13 NKJV Ephesians 2:21 “*Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone;*

14 22 *In whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*”

15 If the Spirit of God is living *in* us, then our *responses* to everyone who interacts with us, will give *evidence* of God’s presence.

16 A position of trust on God must be *maintained*, because Satan wants us to compromise that position.

17 The Spirit of God within means keeping the Lord’s instructions in permanent memory as we respond to situations and people each day.

18 NKJV John 8:51 “*If anyone keeps My word [obeys My teaching WEY] he shall never see death.*”

19 Only a few noticed when God visited. It wasn’t because they didn’t know, as the prophets

had *told* of the event for centuries. Many *knew* about the coming Messiah, but their *response* shows their *indifference* to His arrival.

20 After Malachi, there was 400 years with no word from God—AV Galatians 4:4-5 “*But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*”

21 The birth of the Messiah was *different* from any other birth—Mary did not know how it could be, so the angel explained.

22 NKJV Luke 1:35 “*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*”

23 The Child *had* to be sinless because of God’s *holiness*—only a *perfect* sacrifice would satisfy a *perfect* God. “*The wages of sin is death*” Romans 6:23 AV. Our sin *had* to be dealt with.

24 Jesus could *not* have an earthly father so He *could* have a divine nature.

25 AV Romans 5:12 “*By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.*”

26 Having no *human* father enabled a *sinless* sacrifice.

27 Jesus was aware of the serious trial He would experience, but He remained on *earth* and stayed on the *path* that led to the Cross.

28 He *knew* and He *said* John 10:18 NLT “*No one can take my life from me. I lay down my life voluntarily.*”

29 We know little of His growing years—the town of Nazareth saw Jesus every day.

30 His virgin birth and sinless life make His kingdom *exclusive*. NIV Acts 4:12 “*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.*”

31 Jesus remained on earth for thirty-three years, so He could minister, teach, heal, and go to the Cross to pay for our sins.

32 “*Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil*” Hebrews 2:14 NIV.

33 Jesus tells us how to be part of God’s family—NKJV John 3:34 “*For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God*”—who said,

34 NKJV Matthew 5:44-45 “*Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.*”

35 Only the Holy Spirit within us could enable us to follow those instructions—“*that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.*”

36 Jesus isn’t asking us to do anything He didn’t do. His persecutors plotted to kill Him, yet He said AV Luke 23:34 “*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.*”

37 God came to visit and only a few noticed—but the next time Revelation 1:7 NIV “*Every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.*”

38 Jesus warned, “*Watch out that no one deceives you*” Matthew 24:4, NIV because many will **try** to deceive you, or they will distract you, if you are not on-guard!

39 It is vital that we stay *focused* on living His Truth because—AV Matthew 24:13 “*He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*”

40 The world waited a long time for the Messiah, but when He arrived, only a *few* took time to visit Him. The cave was a dank, dark, and drab—but it was God’s way of setting the example of humility and lowliness.

41 If we approach a palace or the White House today, we are questioned and asked for ID—but

the cave in Bethlehem had *no* restrictions; *no* questions; and *no* ID—just *Come in*, to all!

42 There should have been great *Joy in the world*, because **God** was *visiting!* But not many were joyful and only a few made room for Him. AV John 1:11 “*He came to his own, and his own received him not.*”

43 Millions are still “*not willing*” to trust God in faith for finances, healing, and change in attitude toward others; and millions still not willing to obey the Word of Jesus even though “*No one comes to the Father except through Me*” John 14:6 NKJV.

44 Everyone needs to be converted and only God can do that for them. AV Jude 1:24-25 “*To him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.*”

45 A sinless sacrifice *had* to be offered—Jesus asked John 8:46 NIV “*Can any of you prove me guilty of sin?*” No one *could*, so no one *did*.

46 He then said, “*If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me?*” But they had *no* reply! There is none so blind, as he who will not see.

47 Jesus *was* telling the truth, but they *still* would not believe. Pride has *prevented* millions from trusting God, and pride has *sent* many *more* millions to the flames!

48 Everyone will, sooner or later, give an account of their life to God—whether they lived a life of faith and trust on the Blood of Christ; or they rebelled and followed the world in unbelief and skepticism.

49 AV Galatians 6:7 “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked.*” If we sow resistance and rebellion, we will reap death and destruction.

50 The *sin* nature will **not** trust God for the *divine* nature—so it can only reap *remorse* and *regret* Galatians 6:8.

51 God visited earth in Person so we could *see* Him; *know* Him; *hear* His Truth, and *trust* Him in faith to erase our sins.

52 His visit means we give our entire *life* to Him, and we *apply* His teaching to every situation and with every person we meet—every day 24/7!

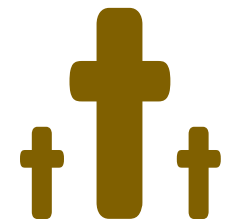
53 It *is* possible to respond like *that*—because the Holy Spirit will *control* us like *that!*

54 Not taking God’s truth seriously; not realizing the importance of His visit; and not responding correctly to it has *profound* consequences.

55 The enemy desires to destroy us AV Luke 19:44 “*And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.*”

56 By God’s mercy, love, and grace, may we *know* the gravity of living His Truth—that,

57 AV Romans 13:11 “*now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*”



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