

Christmas Giving

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Consternation about giving gifts, we must remember that very first gift given that first Christmas.

Christmas Story is all about giving, not receiving. Christ told us it's better to give than to receive.

Takes place in Bethlehem; origin is from antiquity, from ancient times.

Christ first mentioned in Genesis 1.

Ephratath is original name of Bethlehem.

This sermon is about those who gave.

Gifts From God

1. His Son – remember this on Christmas Morning; (James – lights)
2. Guidance
 - a. Physical
 - i. of the Wise Men. Star. God provided them physical guidance.
 - ii. Israel during Exodus. Pillars of Cloud and Fire.
 - b. Guidance -- Spiritual
 - i. Word of God
 - ii. Holy Spirit
3. Safe Passage
 - a. The Wise Men. During their trek
 - b. Us. Psalm 121
4. To Mary - the right to be His Son's Mother
5. To the Shepherds. Singled out for a special blessing of seeing newborn Christ.
6. His Presence. Luke 2:9
7. A Savior. Christ. John 10
8. Gave Mary and Joseph a Baby
9. Gave Jesus Many Names.
 - a. Jesus – save His people from their sins
 - b. Emmanuel – Isa 7
 - c. 51 names
10. Gave Jesus a Kingship.
11. A prophet.
12. A High Priest.

13. A Shepherd.

14. A Doctor. Mark 1; Luke 17; John 9; Matthew 8, 15;

15. Gave Jesus a Faithful & Obedient Earthly Father. Matthew 1; Isaiah 55;