

An Unexpected Christmas

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Luke 1:47,48

“My soul glorifies the Lord...for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.”

Leviticus 12

(8) But if she cannot afford a lamb, she is to bring two doves or two young pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering.

Luke 1:49,50

*My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ... His
mercy extends to those who fear him,*

1 Corinthians 1

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(34) “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” (35) The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Humanity needs a saving that it cannot bring about for itself. The fact that the human race couldn't produce its own redeemer implies that its sin and guilt are profound and that its savior must come from outside.

- David Mathis



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humanists...believe ...faith in the prayer-hearing God, ...is ...harmful, diverting people with false hopes of heaven hereafter. Reasonable minds look to other means for survival.

Using technology wisely, we can control our environment, conquer poverty, markedly reduce disease, extend our life-span, significantly modify our behavior,

False “theologies of hope” and messianic ideologies...cannot cope with existing world realities. ... We need to extend the uses of scientific method,

We find insufficient evidence for belief in the existence of a supernatural...As nontheists, we begin with humans not God...No deity will save us; we must save ourselves.

Promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful. They distract humans from ...rectifying social injustices.

...Human life has meaning because we create and develop our futures.

Reason and intelligence are the most effective instruments that humankind possesses.

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1 Timothy 6:16

God...dwells in unapproachable light

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(13) Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, (14) “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

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(15) When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

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(16) So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

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(12) You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

John 19

(16) So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.

(17) Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). (18) There they crucified him.

John 19

(38) Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. ... (39) He was accompanied by Nicodemus... (40) Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen.