

Daybreak Gathering 12/7/23

These questions are related to my upcoming Rapture Ready article, *Holy Dwelling*. I hope to have the article available to read prior to our Gathering, but if not, you will receive an advance copy in your inbox prior to its release if you have subscribed to receive my [Updates](#).

Holy Days

- 1) Have arguments over the time of year Jesus was born ever given you cause for concern over celebrating Christmas? Do you know others who feel Christmas celebrations are negative?
- 2) Do you find people more open to the name of Jesus during Christmas?
- 3) Was there ever a time when Christmas was more of a holiday for you than a holy day? How does 1 Corinthians 13:11 speak to this?

Time Out and Trappings

- 1) Are you exhausted from trib watching? Would a holy-day break bring you peace?
- 2) Does rising darkness dampen your Christmas spirit, or are you able to set it all aside and focus on the season?
- 3) Colossians 3:2 charges us to set our minds on things above and not things below. Is it easy for you to get caught up in the trappings of Christmas, the decorating and parties and shopping, and lose sight of the birth?

Moving Targets

Read 1 Peter 4:12-14.

- 1) Spiritual warfare is currently rampant among believers (vs. 12-13). Are you experiencing that now? What can you share with the group about your recent experiences?
- 2) What positive conclusion can you make from the fact that you are being attacked (v 14)? Could it be a sign that you are a threat to the enemy?
- 3) The holy days of Christmas aren't all lights and festivities for some. How can the holidays be a set-up for further attacks by the enemy?

Holy Dwelling

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." (Philippians 4:8)

- 1) In what ways are you intentional about keeping Jesus at the forefront of your celebration?

- 2) How can dwelling with and on Jesus protect you from the enemy's distractions?
- 3) Christmas is the time to celebrate that our Prince of Peace has come, yet often this time of year is anything but peaceful. How can the if/then promise in Isaiah 26:3 ensure you have peace even amidst the chaos?

Truth came in **excellence** as a lowly and **lovely** baby, **pure** and **honorable** and **of good repute**, the only One who can make mankind **right** with the Father, the only One **worthy of praise**. Join me in dwelling on these things and this person, Jesus, the reason for the season.