



Part 1: To Bless the World

Bottom Line: The whole world would be blessed because the whole world needed blessing. The world needed Christmas.

Scripture References:

- **Genesis 12:1-3** – God’s promise to Abraham to bless all nations through his descendants.
- **Isaiah 49:6** – Israel as a light to the Gentiles, bringing salvation to the ends of the earth.
- **Malachi 1:11** – A prophecy of God’s name being great among all nations.
- **Galatians 4:4** – The fulfillment of God’s promise through Jesus at just the right time.
- **Luke 1:26-28, 31-33** – The angel Gabriel’s announcement to Mary of Jesus’ birth.
- **Matthew 4:8** – Jesus’ rejection of worldly kingdoms during His temptation.

Key Points:

- 1. You are the reason for the season.**
 - Humanity’s brokenness and need for a Savior are why God sent Jesus. Without this need, there would be no Christmas.
- 2. The story of Christmas begins long before Jesus’ birth.**
 - It starts in Genesis with God’s promise to Abraham and unfolds over 2,000 years, showing human dysfunction and God’s relentless faithfulness.
- 3. A promise fulfilled at the right time.**
 - God sent Jesus when the conditions were perfect: an expanding empire, shared language, and systems to spread the gospel globally (Galatians 4:4).
- 4. Jesus is the light of the world.**
 - Prophecies (Isaiah 49:6, Malachi 1:11) pointed to God’s salvation reaching all people, which was fulfilled through Jesus.
- 5. The call to be a blessing.**
 - If Jesus is a blessing to the world, His followers are called to reflect His light and love, ensuring their communities are better off because of their faith.



The message closes with a challenge: Are we living out Jesus' values in a way that makes the world brighter and better?