

Sermon
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“Thawj Qhov Khoomplig Rau Christmas”

Epiphany
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Thov txuj koobmoov txujkev hlab hab txujkev humxeeb pub rua mej suavdlawg lug ntawm Vaajtswv kws yog peb Leejtxiv kws yog peb tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Matthew 2:11 “On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh - *Thaus puab moog rua huv tsev, puab pum tug mivtub hab Malis kws yog tug mivtub ntawd nam, puab txhus caug ndlua pehawm tug mivtub. Puab thau puab tej kub, tej tshuaj tsw qaab, hab tej roj tsw qaab huv puab cov nab lug pub rua tug mivtub.*” Nuav yog Vaajtswv Txujlug. (Cross reference – Xaulumoos Tej Nkauj 3:6, Yaxayas60:6, Mathais 1:18; 2:10; 12:46; 14:33, Yauhaas 19:39)

Illustration “Gift?” (Show the Magi following a star)



Cov kwvtij hlab hab movtshua ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos lub npe. Peb nyuam qhuav ua koobtsheej nub Yexus yug taag tabsis peb rov nyeem cov nqai Vaajlugkub qha txug txujkev qhatshwm tas Yexus yog leejtwg. Lulug “Eiphany yog txhais hastas, ‘reveal or make known – *qhatshwm losyog ua kuas paub.*” Yog le ntawd, thawj qhov khoomplig rua thaus Christmas yog Vaajtswv qha rua cov tub txawj ntse paub hastas tug Cawmseej yug lug rua lub nplajteb lawm. Vaajtswv txhaj le ua lub nub qub ci rua lub nroog Npelehees. Cov tub txawjntse txhaj le tuaj nrhav tug Cawmseej hab puab txhaj le nqaa khoomplig tuaj pub rua Yexus vim Yexus yog tug lug cawm tuabneeg nplajteb txujkev txhum.

I. Nyob rua peb Txujmoozoo tug Thwjtj Mathais sau txug cov tub txawjntse nqaa khoomplig tuaj pub rua peb tug Tswv Cawmseej Yexus Khetos. Mej puas xaav hastas, cov tub txawjntse cov khoomplig puas yog cov thawj khoomplig rua thaus Christmas? (Let them answer - Ca puab teb) (Show wise men)

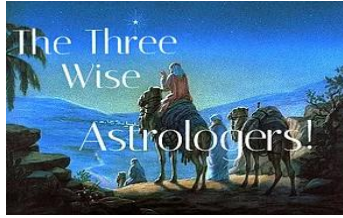


Peb yuav totaub txug thawj qhov khoomplig rua Christmas, peb yuav saib txug cov tub txawjntse kws tuaj saab nub tuaj – tam nuav yog nyob tebchaw “Iraq losyog Iran” kws puab lawv lub nub qub tuaj nrhav Yexus. Peb paub le caag txug cov tub txawjntse nuav? Peb yeej paub tsi txug ntau le caag vim Vaajlugkub has tsi txug ntau le caag. Vaajlugkub tsua hastas puab tuaj saab nub tuaj xwb peb yeej paub tsi tseeb hastas saab nub tuaj yog tebchaw twg tag le hab. (Show 3 Wisemen)



Cov tub txawjntse nuav tuaj petsawg le tuaj? Peb yeej paub tsi tseeb. Nyob rua tam puas xyoo thib ob, Tertullian hastas cov tub txawjntse nuav yog cov “king – *vaajntxwv*” vim Vaajlugkub Qub tau taw kws yog has txug lawm hastas yuav muaj cov vaajntxwv tuaj moog hawm tug Mexiyas. Nwg tau hastas muaj peb tug vaajntxwv lawv le cov khoomplig kws tau coj tuaj pub rua Yexus. Yog le ntawd thaus txug caij Christmas, tuabneeg feem ntau txhaj le muaj peb tug vaajntxwv nrug rua peb qhov khoomplig kws yog “gold, frankincense and myrrh – kub, tshuaj tswqaab, hab roj tsw qaab”

coj lug ua kev ncu txug rua nub yug Yexus. (Show wise men)



Nyob rua cov ntawv keebkwm cov tub txawjntse hu ua “Magi, wise men, king or priest from the work ‘magoi’ which use to describe people who study science, astrology - star and moon – *Magi* – tub txawjntse, vaajntxwv, xibhwb kws yog lug ntawm Kilis lulug ‘magoi’ kws yog siv lug qha txug cov tuabneeg kws kawm txug kev txawjntse saib txug sau nruab ntug – tej nub qub hab lub hli.” (Show presenting gifts)



Yog le ntawd peb txhaj le paub tsi meej hastas cov tub txawj ntse nuav yog leej twg hab petsawg leej tag. Yog vim le caag tug Thwjtjtim Mathais tsi qha kuas taag hastas puab yog leejtwg tag? Qhov tseemceeb yog le nuav. Lub ntsablug hab lub hompheej yog has txug nub yug Yexus rua lub nplajteb. Yexus yog tug Cawmseej, Mathais txhaj le sau hastas, “On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh - *Thaus puab moog rua huv tsev, puab*

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II. Cov khoomplig kws cov tub txawj ntse koj tuaj muab rua Yexus yog qha tau hastas Yexus yog leejtwg. Puab koj cov khoom kws ntxim muab rua tug Vaajntxwv ntawm txhuatug vaajntxwv hab tug Tswv ntawm txhuatug tswv. (Tshwmsim 19:16) (Show gifts – Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh)



Gold – Kub: Kub yog lub cim rua kev muaj nyaj txag npluanuj hab tug kws muaj fwjchim. Txhua haiv tuabneeg hab txhua lub tebchaws puavleej siv kub ua yaam khoom tseemceeb hab muaj nqes. Yaam khoomplig kws muaj nqes txhaj le phim muab rua tug vaajntxwv. Paulus tsaabntawv sau moog rua haiv tuabneeg Filipis sau hastas, “Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father - *Tub yog vim le nuav Vaajtswv txhaj tsa nwg ua tug*

luj dua ndlais, hab tis lub npe kws zoo tshaaj tej npe huv tuabsi rua nwg. Vaajtswv ua le ntawd kuas Yexus lub peb muaj koob meej, txhuatug tsi has cov kws nyob sau ntuj ceebtsheej, cov kws nyob huv nplajteb nuav hab tej kwss nyob huv nruab tivtxwv puavleej yuav txhus caug pe nwg, hab txhuatug yuav leeg hastas Yexus Khetos yog tug Tswv, kuas Vaajtswv tug kws yog Leejtxiv thiaj tau koob meej.” (Filipis 2:9-11)

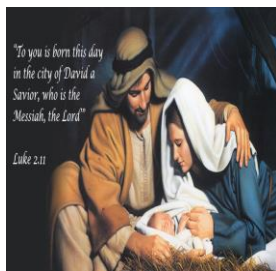
Frankincense – Tshuaj Tswqab: Yog siv rua txujkev dlawbhuv lug ntawm haiv tuabneeg Jewish. The offering of frankincense speaks of Christ as the Incarnate Holy One. Matthew tells that they have come to worship him, “Then opening their treasures they offer him with gifts, gold, and frankincense and myrrh - *Thaus puab moog rua huv tsev, puab pum tug mivtub hab Maivlag kws yog tug mivtub ntawd nam, puab txhus caug ndlua pehawm tug mivtub. Puab thau puab tej kub, tej tshuaj tsw qaab hab tej roj tsw qaab mules huv puab cov naab lug pub rua tug mivtub.*” (Mathais 2:11) Nkauj qhuas Vaajtswv sau hastas, “Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker – *Phoo Nkauj Qhuas Vaajtswv sau hastas, “Ca le lug hab peb khoov ntshis pehawm nwg; peb ca le txhus caug ntawm tug TSWV lub xubndlag, nwg yog tug kws tsim peb!*” (Nkauj Qhuas Vajtswv 95:6) **Myrrh – Roj Tswqab:** Cov roj tswqab nuav muaj nyob rua tebchaws, India, Arabia, hab tebchaws Eastern Africa. Tuabneeg nplajteb nrhav yuav cov roj tswqab nuav heevdluas le lwmyaam roj tswqab. Tsvdlim 30:23 sau hastas, “Take the finest spices: of liquid myrrh 500 shekels, and of sweet-smelling cinnamon half as much, that is, 250, and 250 of aromatic

can – muab tej khom tswvqaab nuv; cov kua roj tswqaab le 500 shekels, hab cov quavntsua tsw qaabzib, nuav yog 250 hab 250 poom tswv qaab” qha txug txujkev cov Yixalayees muab roj tswvqaab coj lug plheev puab lub “tabernacle – lub tsevntaub uas yog lub chaw rua Vaajtswv nyob.” Txheej tuabneeg thaus ub kuj siv cov roj tswqaab coj lug plheev tug tuag lub cev kuas tswqaab kuas tsi txhob lwj. Peb yaam khoomplig tseemceeb heev muab fij rua Tswv Yexus.

III. Yexus lug yug hab tuag kuas koj hab kuv tau txujsa. Yexus yug lug ris nplajteb txujkev txhum kws yog tug mivnyuas Yaj ntawm Vaajtswv lug theej taagnrho nplajteb txujkev txhum rua ntawm nwg tug kheej hab yog leejtug ntseeg nwg yuav tsi tuag tabsis yuav tau txujsa moog ibtxhis. (Show Matthew 1:21)

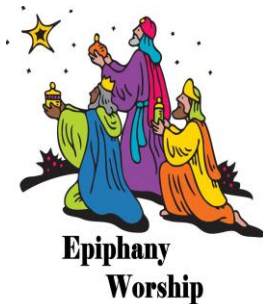


Mathais sau hastas, “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins – *Nwg yuav yug ibtug mivtub, hab koj yuavtsum tis tug mivtub ntawd lub npe hu ua Yexus. Vim nwg yuav cawm nwg haiv tuabneeg tej kev txhum.*” (Mathais 1:21). Yexus lug ua qhov khoom plig pub dlawb rua koj hab rua kuv thawj lub Christmas. Koj xaav tau khoomplig dlaabtsi rua thaus Christmas? Khoom nplajteb yuav ndluag, yuav lwj hab ntsaum kaabrwg yuav noj losyog koj txais yuav qhov khoomplig kws yog Yexus Khetos kws yog ntseeg hab ca sab rua nwg ua koj tug Tswv hab Cawmseej? (Show Christ - manger)



Cov kwvij hlub hab movtshua. Thaus mej ncu txug Christmas yog lub sijhawm kws cov tub txawjntse nqaa khoomplig tuaj pub rua Yexus. Losyog koj hastas, Xaataas Klaus caij nwg cov moslwj coj khoomplig tuaj muab rua cov mivnyuas yau yog puab tsi khibdwb txwm ib xyoo. Qhov tseeb tag, Vaajtswv muab nwg qhov khoomplig rua peb yog Yexus rua lub nplajteb es peb txhaj le muaj kev ua koobtsheej ncu txug nub Yexus yug. Vim peb muaj kev txhum, Vaajtswv muab nwg tuableeg Tub ua thawj qhov khoomplig rua Christmas kua tuabneeg nplajteb txhaj le yuav tau txujkev cawmdlim kws yog muaj feem cuam tau txujsa ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos.

(Show Epiphany Worship)



Christmas hloov peb lub neej thaus lub caij qha tshwm txug tug Camseej yug lug. Yog koj tsi muaj txujkev hloov huv koj lub neej, koj puas yog tug ntseeg Vaajtswv? Koj puas hloov huv koj lub neej yog koj paub hastas Vaajtswv yeej muaj cai npautawg tabsis vim yog lug ntawm nwg txujkev hlub, nwg khaiv nwg tuableeg Tub lug ris taagnrho koj txujkev txhum? Lub caij “Epiphany – *Qhatshwm*” yog Yexus lug hloov kuas tuabneeg rov tau txujsa moog ibtxhis kuas tsis txhob raug txav tawm kuas tau txujkev tuag rua ntujtawg teb moog ibtxhis. Nuav yuav hloov koj lub neej vim yog muaj “Christmas – *Nub yug Yexus*” koj txhaj le muaj txujkev ca sab moog ibtxhis. (Show Time, Talents, and Treasurer)



“Christmas – *Nub yug Yexus*” hloov peb lub neej moog ibtxhis vim peb muaj Yexus lug ua peb tug Cawmseej. Peb yuav muab nuav kawg nkaus rua peb nruab sab moog ibtxhis hastas thawj qhov khoomplig rua Christmas yog peb tug Tswv Cawmseej Yexus Khetos. Christmas tej khoomplig tsi yog peb tau lug ntawm peb cov phoojhwg, txheebze losyog tug kws peb hub. Peb qhov khoomplig yog Yexus Khetos kws peb cov ntseeg txhuatug pib qha Txujmoozoo ntawm peb tug Cawmseej Yexus Khetos rua peb cov phoojywg, cov txheebze hab rua txhuatug tuabneeg huv lub nplajteb nuav. Txujkev hlub hab txujkev humxeeb ntawm Vaajtswv yog muab Yexus

Khetos rua tuabneeg nplajteb rov moog txug thaus nwg rov lug coj cov ntseeg moog sau ntuj. Zoo le cov tub txawj ntse, ca peb moog hawm nwg kws yog muab peb tej “gift, talents, treasurer – *koomoov, tswvyim, hab nyajtxag*” lug moog paab tshaaj Txujmoozoo rua lub xyoo tshab nuav moog. Thawj qhov khoomplig rua Christmas yog peb tug Cawmseej Yexus Khetos. Asmees. Thov kuas Vaajtswv txujlug pub rua peb suavdlawg totaub hab tau nyob kaajsab lug rua ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.