



With hope that this page will bring glory to God and attention to His Word, you are invited to check this page every day for a piece of scripture, thoughts on the verse(s) and a prayer. May the ideas presented here bring you fulfillment as you continue your journey with Christ.

Tuesday December 26, 2023

Boxing Day

Today's Scripture:

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

~ Isaiah 61:10

Thoughts on Today's Verse(s):

For many folks, Christmas is over; or at least, well on its way to being over. The fun and frivolity, food and fellowship, drink and details, are all soon to be concluded. Such is the way of Boxing Day for a lot of Christmas celebrators. Yet, so many call for Christmas to be a season instead of just one day and struggle to find that window. Isaiah offers us a hint today that can help us to embrace that period of time that extends beyond only one day.

When God revealed to the prophet that He was going to send His Son to save us, he robed himself with the Garment of Salvation. He robed himself with Christ. He rejoiced with his *whole being*. This approach to celebrating Christmas is often lost upon so many in the 21st century. They don't seem to be able to find that place of celebrating with one's *entire being*. How do we do that?

Friends, it's ok to celebrate with the body - the *physical* - but, we must celebrate in *spirit*. And to celebrate in spirit, we must take the time to read scripture, pray and spend time in thoughtful meditation upon the true meaning of Christmas. We can't just eat and drink, play games and relax, and then wonder why we can't find the true hope, peace, joy and love of Christmas. We cannot devote so much attention to the body and then wonder why we can't avoid the *Christmas hangover*, that deep sense of emptiness that often follows Christmas, even the day after on Boxing Day.

Let us celebrate The Lord's Coming today, just as fervently as we did yesterday, but more in *spirit* than in body. Let us at least turn to God in prayer and offer Him copious thanks for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He will be pleased and blessed - and we will renewed, refreshed, replenished and rejoiced. Let us celebrate with our whole being, especially the spirit.

Prayer:

Holy Father, thank You for sending us Your Son to save us. Thank You for this amazing season of Christmas that we all enjoy so much. Gracious God, help us to avoid the Christmas hangover by spurring us to prayer and reading scripture. May we celebrate with our entire being, especially deep in our spirit, that we may rejoice for a time instead of just one day. Through that rejoicing, may you be pleased and blessed. Through The One You sent to save us we pray, Amen.

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