

Catholic Men's Ministries  
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2017 Christmas Message

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For in our time of this Christmas season, as we celebrate the birth of the son of God, I want to touch on the wisdom of God. From almost the first written word about God, it was prophesized that God would send a great king to establish and reign over his chosen people and thus, the whole world. This great king of Israel, or "anointed one", would be called the Messiah. It was scribed in the old testament that this mighty king, with His army of angels, would defeat Satan and all his sinful followers. He would pursue and destroy them, be it in the desert, or in the mountains, or in the great cities, or on the seas. And so, as it was written, it came to pass, in the region of Judea, during the reign of Augustus Caesar, that the promised Messiah was born. But he was not a King in his finest robes, adorned with jewelry, and surrounded by obedient servants and guarded by a mighty army, that God delivered, but a new born baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, surrounded by shepherds and animals, lying on hay in a manger. It was in God's wisdom that He knew that Satan and his followers did not camp in the desert, nor in the mountains, nor in the great cities, nor on the seas, but in the heart and soul of man. There camped the Satan of greed, the Satan of envy, the Satan of hate, the Satan of lust, the Satan of bigotry, and the Satan of the desire for power over others. It is these things that the child king came to destroy. So God delivered his only son, the anointed one, the Messiah, as was foretold. No army of charioteers, or bowman, or foot soldiers followed, because the Son's army was within himself. His weapons were entrenched in the newborn child, being that, of uncompromised purity, of innocence, of vulnerability, of unconditional love, and of the need to serve. These are the most basic components of joy, of happiness, and most of all, of peace. Looking down into any one of the many nativity displays, we see this baby Jesus always housed in a shepherd's manger, lying on a bed of hay. But if we look with all our hearts and all our minds and all our souls, we will see His arms reaching up to us. It is for us in this time to lift him up, to embrace him, to hold him close and dear to our bosoms. It is for us in this time to let this King's weapons of love, of joy, of happiness, of purity, and of innocence, to displace Satan's lures that reside in all of us. By doing all of these things, we will be consenting to the wisdom of God and we will be gracefully renewed. For it is now in our time, in this Christmas season, through God's newborn beloved Son, to rightly find our own happiness, our own joy, and most of all, our own peace. And in all of this, we will indeed have a Merry Christmas.