

Happy Christmas!

Because of unexpected snowfall from last week, it became the atmosphere of the midwinter all at once. The snow removal did not catch up, and the expressway stopped for a long time, and traffic condition continued. It is said that there was a power failure. During the cold, did you have a lot of anxiety?

It is a Christmas worship service that I waited for, and it is the last worship of the year this year. In addition to the dark shadows of the corona calamity, the fear of heavy rains, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the long surge in prices, and the price of high prices by the yen, this year is really the year when social unrest explodes, and it is a year when it is not very effective.

As in today's word, Christmas is the light that shines from the dark god. I want to taste the words of today as gospel and good news to us who proceed in the dark of uneasy anxiety.

First of all, Israel was swallowed by the Roman Empire, which is a large country.

Global population surveys. Rome had power as much as it could be the Roman Empire. The emperor ordered all the people who govern his government to command a large number of people to register their inhabitants and go to their birthplace. If you become the leader of a big power now, you move hundreds of billions and ten billion people.

This was a series of census carried out to build the foundation of the country that governed itself, and to raise the state of the state, but the fact that this emperor of Rome was to be accomplished in the Mika chapter five was written as follows.

Behold, 5:2 but Bethlehem ephata, you are small among the sons of Judah, but those who govern Israel will come out of you. It comes from the day when it comes out.

And the census of the Empire became a good historical landmark when Jesus was born. Even the emperor of Rome, which seems to be about 5 million people in the society of the time, was in God's hand.

But the Israelites did not know so much that they had a long awaited prayer. Simeon and Anna are good examples.

At 2:25 there was a man named Simeon in Jerusalem. This man was a righteous man who longed for the comfort of Israel. And the Holy Spirit stayed with him.

2:26 and it was not until he saw the Savior of the Lord, that he did not die.

People were waiting for salvation. But it might have been the political power of independence from Rome's rule. There was anxiety in the time of time, and the rescue was awaited.

But there was also in the hymn of Mary, but the time was dim, and there was a power relationship among the people of God. I can't feel the beautiful sight of the ruins.

1:50 the compassion is not long, but to those who fear the Lord.

1:51 the Lord, with his arms, forced him, and drove him out of his heart.

1:52 pulling down the power from the throne, raising the lowly

1:53 let the hungry man be good, and let the rich be returned hungry.

1:54 the LORD did not forget the grace, and he helped me,

1:55 as we promised to promise our father Abraham and his descendants.

And as the street spoke by the mouth of the priest zariya.

1:1 it is to rescue us from the enemy and from the hands of those who hate us.

1:72 the God pays our fathers, and the holy contract,

1:73, for the proclamation of his father Abraham,

1:74 rescue us from the enemy's hand

1:75 as long as he is alive, he will be rightly and righteous to serve him.

Hands of hate. It is not only in the hand of Rome which has been politically violated, but in Ephesians 6:12, "it is not the one for the flesh and blood, but the rule of the earth, the authority of the world, the spirit of evil in heaven". Zariya thought of his unbelief, thought and arrogance, gazed at his weakness in silence, thought of the sadness of the sins that could be an enemy of God, and realized the existence of evil, which, in his silence, tried to pull his feet and fall. In his frustration and twists and turns, it was his longing for him to "be alive and righteous, to serve him in fear."

Jesus gave a warning to the disciples about the human nature that was made up of himself by the thought of the mighty strong food that had spread even in this country of the God, and thought that I wanted to stand up even if I pushed the person, and did not think about the person.

Matthew said, "Peter said to him, and he said to him," let us go. "

16:23 Jesus turned around and said to Peter, "Satan, pull, and I will interfere with you; you don't think of God, and think of others.

The mother of the bezel came to Jesus with him, kneeling, and asking for something.

Then Jesus said to her, "what do you want me to do?" She said, "give me your words so that my two servants will be in your country, one to your right, and to the left.

20:22 Jesus answered and said, "you don't know what you are asking for, can you drink the cup that I try to drink?" They replied,

20:23 Jesus said to them, "surely you will drink my cup, but to make my right, the left is to be allowed not only by my people but for those who are prepared by my father."

20 and they were angry at these two brothers.

20:25 and Jesus called them and said, "you know, the rulers of the Gentiles govern the people, and the great men behave power over the people.

20:26 not among you. Therefore, the person who wants to become great among you becomes a serving person

20:27 the one who wants to be between you must be me.

20:28 it is just the same for the son of man, not to be served, but to serve, and to give his own life, because there are not many people.

You must not be among you. You must not be among you. This word indicates that even the disciples, who had taken the salt and sleep together, would easily act like the Gentiles of the Gentiles and the great men. If we don't always use Jesus as an example, we will easily take the

right path.

In such times, the shepherds were the people of the occupation overlooked from people. It was not possible to wash the hand before eating, to protect the sabbath, and to protect the service.

Matthew 15:2 "why do your disciples break the message of the old people? They don't wash their hands at meals".

In the lonely night half of the cold night, they were playing the guard for the sheep at night.

That Jesus was himself a shepherd, and so deep and meaningful.

What happened during midnight in the midst of the harsh work?

2:8 and in this district the shepherds were hanging out of the flock of sheep.

2:9 as the angel of the Lord appeared, and the glory of the LORD came over them, they were very afraid.

In the darkness of the night the bright light flashed.

"Victory squad, losing group", who discriminates and contemplates people, who is above, who

is inferior, who is great, he is useless, the mainstream, the anti mainstream, the people who shaved up and pushed up, and the people who obstructed them, and so on Light rose in the dark darkness.

But they were very afraid. I didn't think it was a good idea. I didn't think it was salvation. The light of the glory of the LORD was exhausted, chaotic, and confused, but it could not be seen as salvation. They might have been their hope. The darkness around them might have governed them until they forgot their hopes.

Colosseum 1:13 God rescued us from the power of his power, and transferred it under the control of his beloved son.

1:13 God rescued us from the tyranny of darkness, and moved it into the reign of his beloved son.

Luke 1:78 this is due to the mercy of our God. And the light of the sun came upon us from above

1:79 "we will see those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, and lead our feet to the path of peace."

But said the messenger.

2:10 the envoy said, "don't be afraid, Behold, I will tell you the great joy given to all the people.

Don't be afraid, there is great joy given to all people!

This is the gospel. Good news. It is a glad visit.

2:11 today the Savior was born to you in the city of David. This way is the Lord Christ.

If there is this Savior, there is no fear. Because there is a savior. This is the Lord. King of kings, Lord of the Lord.

In spite of being a sovereign, a power person, and a God, he came to "give up his life as it is not to be served, but to serve, and not many people." What a terrible, fearful person? What is so much love?

In this way, fear is removed in us, and by the love of our atonement, fear is transformed into fear.

The Lord is the Lord, and this is the king. It is a great joy given to Savior and all people.

2:12 you will see a young child hanging in the closet and lying in the carpet. That is the sign given to you.

The God who gave the shepherds to the first worshipper was given to his son Jesus. It is a figure that sleeps on the leaves in the livestock shed.

Jesus said to him, "there is a hole in the fox, and there is a nest in the empty bird, but there is no place for the son of man."

There was no place in the inn, and he continued looking for the lost people, and finally the Lord of the skeleton hill outside the town. The life of this man appears as a sign in the form of sleeping on this leaf. And his servant appearance becomes the sign of salvation of the poor and exhausted people.

2:13 as soon as the heavenly army appeared, and with his envoy he said,

2:14 "in the high place, there is glory in God, and on the earth, there is peace in the people who have the mind."

When the angels listened to the figure of this humble Lord, the praise of the heavenly power began.

In heaven, glory to God, peace to the people in the earth.

It is taught that in this world where peace and harmony are being disturbed, it is necessary to desire to be in peace to get peace. It is not possible to get peace and harmony by doing what you want. For the full harmony and glory are full of heaven, we want to keep our glory to the Lord and continue to seek our heart.

2:15 when the envoys left them to heaven, the shepherds spoke to each other, saying, "let us go to Bethlehem and see the events that the Lord has informed us."

2:16 And in a hurry he went to Mariya and Joseph, and also searched for the young child lying

in his bed.

2:17 when I met them, I told the people that they were told about this child.

2:18 people were wondering to hear what the shepherds had spoken to.

2:19 but Mariya kept all these things in mind.

2:20 the shepherds, as they were told to them, that they had heard everything they had heard, and went back to them.

Mariya kept in mind all these things in mind, to protect, preserve, remember, and treasure treasure.

The light, hope, fear, and the great joy of the whole people, the Savior, are the Lord. Christ child. There is a great joy that we always hold in mind like treasure. Thank you for the birth of the Lord. Happy Christmas!

Prayer; Thank God for the heavenly Father today. I thank the Lord for his birth. In the power of the rule of the Roman Empire, in the world of the mighty strong eclipse, you gave the son of the servant man as the salvation of the world. For the exhausted people in the great fear raised the light in the darkness, and the angel gave praise to the merciful God, and told us through the mouth of the angels, "do not fear," "tell us great joy". I believe your words will always be true. From the child to the old people, all ages will be able to meet Jesus Christ at this time. Please bless our family and the local people. Pray by the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen