Christmas and the Holidays: What Do You Like the Least?



Source: Pew Research Center Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q83F1. Only top three responses shown.



PEW RESEARCH CENTER



55% of people we surveyed said they spend more on their pet's Christmas present than a relative's

Christmas gifts most desired by U.S. consumers in 2024



Not all gifts are wrapped in a box. Some gifts are just being present. Being there when it matters.

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Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24

COME. LET US ADORE HIM

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Micah 4:11-5:5 A Message of Micah of Moresheth

Micah said, "Listen . . . you rulers of the nation of Israel! *YOU OUGHT TO KNOW WHAT IS JUST*, yet you hate what is good, and love what is evil." Micah 3:1-2

MICAH Who is like GOD?

God of Restoration Micah 4:6-13

Micah 4:11-5:5 Rulers, Priests & Prophets Caused This Mess

Micah 3:9-12 (ESV)

⁹ Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who detest justice and make crooked all that is straight,

¹⁰ who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity.

¹¹ Its heads give judgment for a bribe; its priests teach for a price; its prophets practice divination for money; yet they lean on the LORD and say, "Is not the LORD in the midst of us? No disaster shall come upon us."

¹² Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.



Micah 4:11-5:5 A New Ruler Will Bring Peace & Prosperity

Out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, MICAH 5:2

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Micah 4:11-5:5 The Ruler Will Be Like a God

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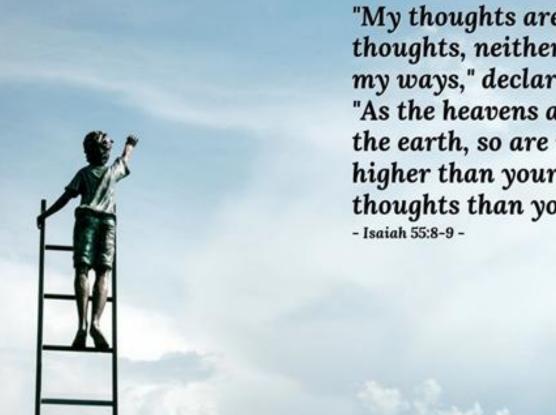
Loca, In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth"

(Micah 5:4)

MICAH Who is like GOD?

God of Restoration Micah 4:6-13 **1.** Those who are against the children of God do not know <u>thoughts</u> of the Lord.

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"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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Rom. 5:8; 1 John 13

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"Toda la Tierra Espera al Salvador" Part 4. Wait for the Prince of Peace

The True Meaning

OF CHRISTMAS

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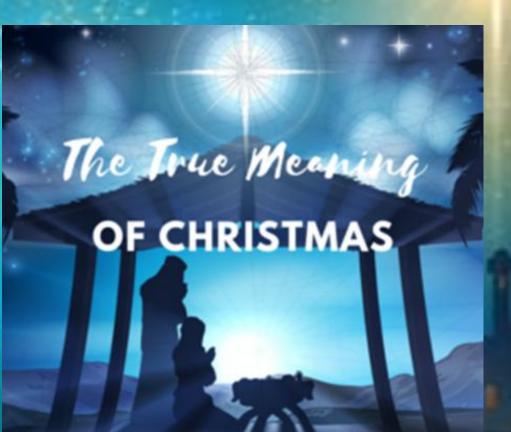
THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.

JOSHUA 1:9



1. Those who are against the children of God do not know thoughts of the Lord.

You are not alone..



 Those who are against the children of God do not know <u>thoughts</u> of the Lord.
Out of Bethlehem <u>Ephratha</u> will come one who will rule over Israel.

The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. **They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem**, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Ruth 1:2



So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning. Ruth 1:22

Now David was **the son of an Ephrathite** named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was old and well advanced in years. Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war: The firstborn was Eliab; the second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah. David was the youngest.

The three oldest followed Saul, but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

1 Samuel 17:12-15





O Lord, remember David and all the hardship he endured. He swore an oath to the Lord. "I will not enter my house or go to my bed until I find a place for the Lord.

We heard it in Ephratha, in the field of Jaar (Kiriath Jearim). Psalm 132, a song of asents

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Part 4. Wait for the Prince of Peace

And there were <u>Shepherds</u> living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks



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Prayer for Peace on Earth

We pray for a united world of brotherhood with tolerance and understanding among all peoples.

We pray for an end to war, The alleviation of suffering, The healing of sexual abuse, An end to the subjugation of women, The abolition of animal cruelty.

We pray that humankind shall respect and honor the Earth and the Realms of Nature.

We pray for a global awakening of humanity, Grace for all the World, Victory for the forces of Light, The fulfillment of the Divine Plan. A SPIRITUAL MEMOIR of FORGIVENESS and HEALING

ANGEL of AUSCHWITZ

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