

Christmas Story

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6.

The word versus is often used when dealing with legal matters, matters of the law to denote an action by one party against another. At the time of the birth of Jesus, King Herod upon learning of his birth became very wroth. There was in essence an immediate war in the King's heart do to the fact that there had been born of the Jews another King while he yet sat on the throne.

Many believed that the birth of Christ was illegal but the Bible sustains the truth of the matter as recorded in the Book of Isaiah chapter 7, verse 14.

"The Lord himself shall give you a sign, behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel."

It was inevitable that the birth of Christ was of such nature, and the suffering inflicted upon him imperative. The prophet again mentions His lifes encounters in Isaiah 53:2,3, "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men;"

So we have here, King Herod the rejecter, and King Jesus the rejectee. The King rejected his birth from the very beginning because he feared his seat on the throne. He rejected Jesus even as an infant lying in a manger, and with hatred, and wrath and a murderous heart he commenced to put in action the hatred that he felt. Christ was a King without a throne, a King without a crown yet King Herod was fearful.

The wise men came from the East sincerely searching, saying, "where is he, we have seen his star and are coming to worship him," Math 2:2. They were led diligently by the star searching for him.

And when King Herod heard these things, he immediately became troubled and all Jerusalem with him. He was so troubled and so blinded by satan that he gathered all of the Chief Priest and scribes, and all of the people and demanded of them where Christ should be born. Being the leader of the people he should have been the first to know. As the wise sought him in the days of old, men are seeking him today. The question was, where is he? I wonder can Christ be found in our hearts, in our homes, in our churches. Where is he, is he in our sanctuaries and worship assemblies, or have we crowded him out with traditions and systems and left no room for him as there was no room in the Inn at the time of His birth.

King Herod could not answer this question, but sent the wise men to Bethlehem to seek diligently for him and asked that word be brought back to him so that he too could go and worship Christ. Herod had no such intentions but only to kill the Christ child. But the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream saying arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him." And in the rebutal of the case of King vs King. King Herod lost the case, for King Jesus lives even today. And on that night there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Merry Christmas
Dr. Phyllis Jackson

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Christians the world over will rejoice at this very special time of year. There will be many smiles shared and gifts given to those whom we hold dear. We will spend much time preparing for the birthday of our Lord, but to us Christmas is not just a birthday it is a time of remembering the outstanding love God has given to mankind.

You will find these words in your Bible: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6.

No! Not just a birthday but a time of giving thanks and worship to God who is love. As we join millions in worship on this Christmas Sunday, let's all remember it's not just a birthday, but a time of sharing the real love of God. May you all have a wonderful Christmas is my prayer.

Rev. Donald E. Blake
Pastor of
St. James Baptist Church

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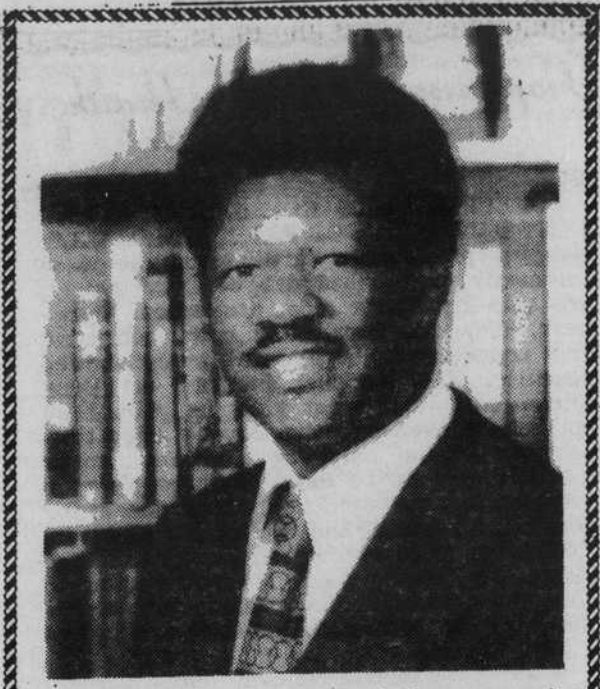
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