

Is Your Christmas Tree Trying to Tell You Something? **Psalm 19:1-4a** (NIV)

What do you put on top of your Christmas tree?

If the Christmas tree is a symbol of eternal life, and if we wrap it in lights as a reminder of the one who is the everlasting Light, what should we put on the top of our tree in that place of greatest emphasis?

Some place a star on top of their tree as a symbol of the star of Bethlehem – the star that signified the location of where the Christ child could be found.

Others place an angel on top of their tree as a symbol of the angels who were involved in the story of the birth of Christ. Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, & possibly even the wise men all had angelic encounters.

Still others place different symbols on the top of their Christmas trees!

But no matter what we place on the top of our tree, may it point us to Jesus.

Everything about Christmas ought to point us to Christ – the true reason for the season! **Even Santa ought to point us to the greatest gift giver of all!**

Christmas is filled with symbolism, but if all we have are the symbols, without the very thing they are intended to symbolize, **then Christmas is nothing but an empty box wrapped in beautiful paper with a bow on top!**

The story of Christmas is not a fairytale, not a fable, not a legend!

The Bethlehem Star on your tree is significant, a worthy tree-topper, b/c it symbolizes the actual star that was in the sky that led real people to Jesus.

The angel on your tree, also a worthy tree-topper, b/c there truly were angels appearing & proclaiming the truth about the birth of the Christ child!

We should not be surprised that God would use such means (a star & angels) to announce the advent of His Son! **Psalm 19:1-4a**

Stars were created to make us think about God & our relationship to Him!

Psalm 8:3-4 – A star in the sky pointing to Jesus... makes total sense!

Stars are not in the sky to tell us our future or give us our horoscope! Stars are there, like the Bethlehem Star, to point us to the glory of God in Christ!

The magi studied the stars and where did it lead them? **To Jesus!**

The purpose of angels is to carry out the very purposes of God, and to also, like the stars in the heavens, declare His glory! **Isaiah 6:1-4**

The word angel literally means “messenger”! The purpose of a messenger is to deliver a message on behalf of the one from whom it is sent! So, as important and extravagant as angels are, the message they bring and who they represent are even greater still!

So where is our focus this Christmas season? The symbols, decorations, or is it on the true message that the star/angels delivered to us from Heaven?

If there is a star on the top of your Christmas tree, may it be that every time you see it, that it would point you again to Christ – the everlasting light, the giver of eternal life, & the true heavenly King!

If there is an angel on the top of your Christmas tree, may it be that every time you see it, that it would remind you of the message the angels proclaimed that 1st Christmas. **“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” – Luke 2:14**

God is indeed glorious & worthy of us joining in with the angels in His endless praise! **But don’t miss their message of peace from God as well!**

We have been given the very hope of Heaven, but we also have been given the peace of God for today! We need that peace right now in our lives!

Just as the story of Christmas is not a fairytale, not a fable, not a legend, so to is the peace that is ours in Christ! **It is real!** **“A Night of Hope”**

I may not know all that you need right now! I may not know your struggles! But I do know the One who the Bethlehem Star & the angels point to, & **I know that He can satisfy your every need** – hope, peace, love, joy, life!

It really doesn’t matter what is on the top of your Christmas tree this year, what matters most is who & what they point to, & who reigns in your heart!

Jesus was born, King of the Jews, but is He King of your heart today?

The Bethlehem star only shined for a time & then it was gone. The angels left as suddenly as they came! Thankfully, our hope is not found in a star, or in angels, our hope is in Christ who came to earth long ago, but who still reigns today and forever!

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