

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for January 12-13, 2002

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"The Christmas Story from Paul's Perspective"

Philippians 2:5-11

The first step in Christ's exaltation was His resurrection (Acts 1:3).

The second step in Christ's exaltation was His ascension (Acts 1:9-11).

The third step in Christ's exaltation was His unveiling when He once again was crowned with glory and honor (Hebrews 2:9).

The fourth step involved in Christ's exaltation is His high priestly ministry of intercession.

Christ left heaven as a king and descended to earth. He returned to heaven not only as a king but also as our Great High Priest (Hebrews 2:17).

The first duty of the high priest was to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins (Hebrews 5:1).

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The second duty of the high priest was to offer up incense on the golden altar (Exodus 30:7-8).

Incense was a picture of prayer (Revelation 8:3-4).

Just as the high priest in the Old Testament was responsible for providing perpetual incense before the Lord, our Great High Priest is responsible providing perpetual intercession for us (Hebrews 7:23-25).

Our Great High Priest in essence is praying, in light of the joy set before us, that we will endure to the end.