

The King's Dominion

How Does Messiah Sing This Song of Praise?

May the King Subdue All His and Our Enemies (8).

May All the King's Enemies Be Subdued (9-11).

May We Joyfully Submit to the King of Kings.

Re-read (sing) with This *Christ-Centered* Understanding.

Application— Joyfully Submit to Christ in Every Aspect of Life!

CONCLUSION: As we begin this new year, no amount of resolutions will change our stubborn rebellion against King Jesus. But submitting our wills to the leading of the Holy Spirit through Christ's Word of the Scripture by faith is the way Jesus has designed for us to be transformed by His grace. Let us join together in joyfully submitting to the Lordship of King Jesus. Let us conform our everyday thoughts, words, and actions to His in order to demonstrate the heart change He has made within us and so joyfully bow before our King!

Psalm 72:8-11 ESV

- ⁸ May **He** have **dominion** from *sea to sea*,
and from *the River to the ends of the earth!*
- ⁹ May desert tribes bow down before **Him**,
and **His** enemies lick the dust!
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render **Him** tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before **Him**,

The Celebration of Christmas—December 25-January 6

The season of Christmas *starts Christmas morning and runs through the Feast of the Epiphany* (January 6th) that is the traditional celebration of the wise men coming to worship Christ as King. Whereas Advent's emphasis is *longing for Christ's next coming* and fasting over our sin, traditionally the focus through the twelve days of Christmas and Epiphany is on celebration and feasting since Christ has come.

The **Eighth** Day of CHRISTMAS Sunday—January 1

Please **join together with God's people in gathered worship** either in-person or by participating in the live-stream (www.fccw.net).

READ: Matthew 5:21-48; Psalm 72:8-11.

DISCUSS: How are you responding today to Christ's redemption?

SING: *What Child Is This?*

PRAY: "God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, You have promised from of old that You would send a Redeemer for Your people. We praise and thank You for Your faithfulness in that redemption. Transform our hearts, make us joyful people because of Your steadfast love. Make our feet willingly run to You. Give our tongues boldness in proclaiming Your grace. Lead us more and more so that we can see Your face. Amen."

The **Ninth** Day of CHRISTMAS Monday—January 2

READ: Isaiah 60:1-7; Psalm 72:8-11.

DISCUSS: What stands out to you about the Lord's prayer? How can praying it demonstrate faith in Christ? How can praying it be something else? Why?

SING: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

PRAY: "God of our fathers, we praise You for the miracle of the incarnation. Jesus, we thank You for becoming a man to set us free. Holy Spirit, we rejoice in Your supernatural power and we pray that You would work in us to declare the glory of Christ to our neighbors, coworkers, and friends."