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"Christmas with the Psalms: Know God's Love on Christmas Morning"

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- What** Throughout the Psalms, David wakes early, like a watchman, to experience the love of God. This meaningful Advent reading focuses on that special experience of Christmas morning and how it gives us all a glimpse of the depths of the love of God.
- Part of the **Christmas with the Psalms** series, this easy-to-produce reading is for two readers. It will bring your service alive in a special way this Advent.
- Themes: Advent, Love, Prayer, Readers Theater, Christmas, Psalms, People of Faith, Community, Duet
- Who** Two readers, male or female.
- When** The Present.
- Costumes** Age appropriate, no distracting logos, necklines, or hemlines
- Props** A candle and a lighter.
- Why** Psalm 119:137-148; Mark 1:35; Judges 7:19; Exodus 14:24; Lamentations 2:19
- How** **If you are reading for an online service**, read it with passion and emotion, and don't be afraid to take your time. Look at the audience or into the computer camera. Ensure all your notifications are turned off and emails are closed and have the PDF on screen near the camera.
- If you read the script from the pulpit**, be familiar enough with your lines so that your head isn't down in the script the entire time. Look audience members in the eye. Take time to pause and breathe. Embrace the awe and mystery of the scripture.
- Time** 2-3 minutes

*Lights up. The **Readers** address the audience directly.*

Reader 1: There’s something about the morning.

Reader 2: That first warm cup of coffee.

Reader 1: The workout when no one else is awake.

Reader 2: Walking the dog in your neighborhood before everyone goes about their busy day.

Reader 1: Hitting the snooze button one more time.

Reader 2: Then hitting the snooze button again.

Reader 1: All throughout scripture people of faith wake early to pray.

Reader 2: David rises before dawn in the watches of the night.

Reader 1: Like a sentinel that is on the alert on the walls of a city–

Reader 2: Keeping an eye out for any sign of danger or any important news from far away–

Reader 1: David watches and prays.

Reader 2: Other great heroes of the Bible prayed, meditated, and did great acts of faith during these early watches of the morning.

Reader 1: Gideon’s small army of men, who lapped up water like dogs, saw supernatural victory during the early morning hours.

Reader 2: It was all through the terrible night that Hebrew families huddled by the shores of the Red Sea with an enemy army behind them.

Reader 1: The waters began to part as a strong wind blew when Moses stretched out his hand.

Reader 2: The waters divided so that the great exodus from slavery into freedom could occur.

Reader 1: Redemption unfolded with each step on dry ground.

Reader 2: Then, during the early morning hours–

Reader 1: The Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud–

Reader 2: And threw the Egyptian army into confusion.

Reader 1: Redemption...

Reader 2: Connection...

Reader 1: Victory...

Reader 2: Happen in the morning.

Reader 1: Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, woke early in the morning too.

Reader 2: He tells us to pour out our hearts like water in the presence of God in the early morning hours.

Reader 1: He reminds us that there is no inconvenient time for God to hear our prayers.

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Reader 2: God holds no office hours and takes no holidays, not even at Christmas.

Reader 1: He hears us always.

Reader 2: Because he loves us.

Reader 1: David.

Reader 2: Gideon.

Reader 1: Jeremiah.

Reader 2: And the people of Israel on the shores of the Red Sea.

Reader 1: All cried out to the Lord in the morning.

Reader 2: And Jesus did this too.

Reader 1: Jesus met with God in the morning.

Reader 2: He went up on the mountain–

Reader 1: Found a quiet place–

Reader 2: To enjoy the presence and the love of God.

Reader 1: There’s something about the morning.

Reader 2: And there’s something special about *Christmas* morning.

Reader 1: The Christmas tree lit up so bright.

Reader 2: The presents under the tree.

Reader 1: The sounds of Christmas carols playing quietly in the background.

Reader 2: The warmth of home.

Reader 1: The coziness of pajamas.

Reader 1: The nearness of those you love.

Reader 2: The wonder of children sneaking out of bed, early–

Reader 1: *Way* too early–

Reader 2: To find special treasures left for them in stockings and under the tree.

Reader 1: All these wonderful things on Christmas morning are a picture of the love of God available to us *every* morning.

Reader 2: The light of His word.

Reader 1: The gifts of His Spirit.

Reader 2: The sound of His voice.

Reader 1: The warmth of His presence.

Reader 2: The fullness of His love.

Reader 1 holds up the candle. **Reader 2** lights it with the lighter.

Reader 1: Today as we light this candle of Advent, we thank God for His love which is available to us every morning.

Reader 2: As we anticipate all the joys and all the love we will experience on Christmas morning, we recognize that it gives us a just glimpse of the depths of the love of God for us, his children.

Reader 1: God, we ask that you help us to experience this love in our hearts and in our community this Christmas. Amen.

Lights down.

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