



Christmas Hope

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What are some problems with "self-sufficiency"?

The who isolates himself pursues selfish desires; he rebels against all sound wisdom. Proverbs 18:1

"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God." Genesis 3:5 (NIV)

Then Jesus told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"'

"But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?'" – Jesus, Luke 12:16-20 (NIV)

When the time was right, God sent his son born of a woman. Galatians 4:4

*Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, th'incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!*

*Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit. 1 Peter 3:18

"I rejoice in God my Savior." -Mary, Luke 1:47

For your LifeGroup and accountability time...

Talk about your favorite Christmas film and why you like it.

We talked about "self-sufficiency." What's the upside and what's the downside to self-sufficiency?

Talk about a time when "self-sufficiency" messed you up.

Why do you think God wants to strip us of our self-sufficient bend?

Read the Christmas story in Luke 2:1-20. What are your thoughts as you read this? What insights into human nature do you catch from this?