

True
Christmas
Worship



2 Corinthians 2:15

For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.



True Christmas Worship
is courageous!

It hurt's and takes time to prepare to give...



It does not come easy but at a great price..

True Christians
are courageous!

They are willing to hurt and they take time
from busy schedules to prepare to give...

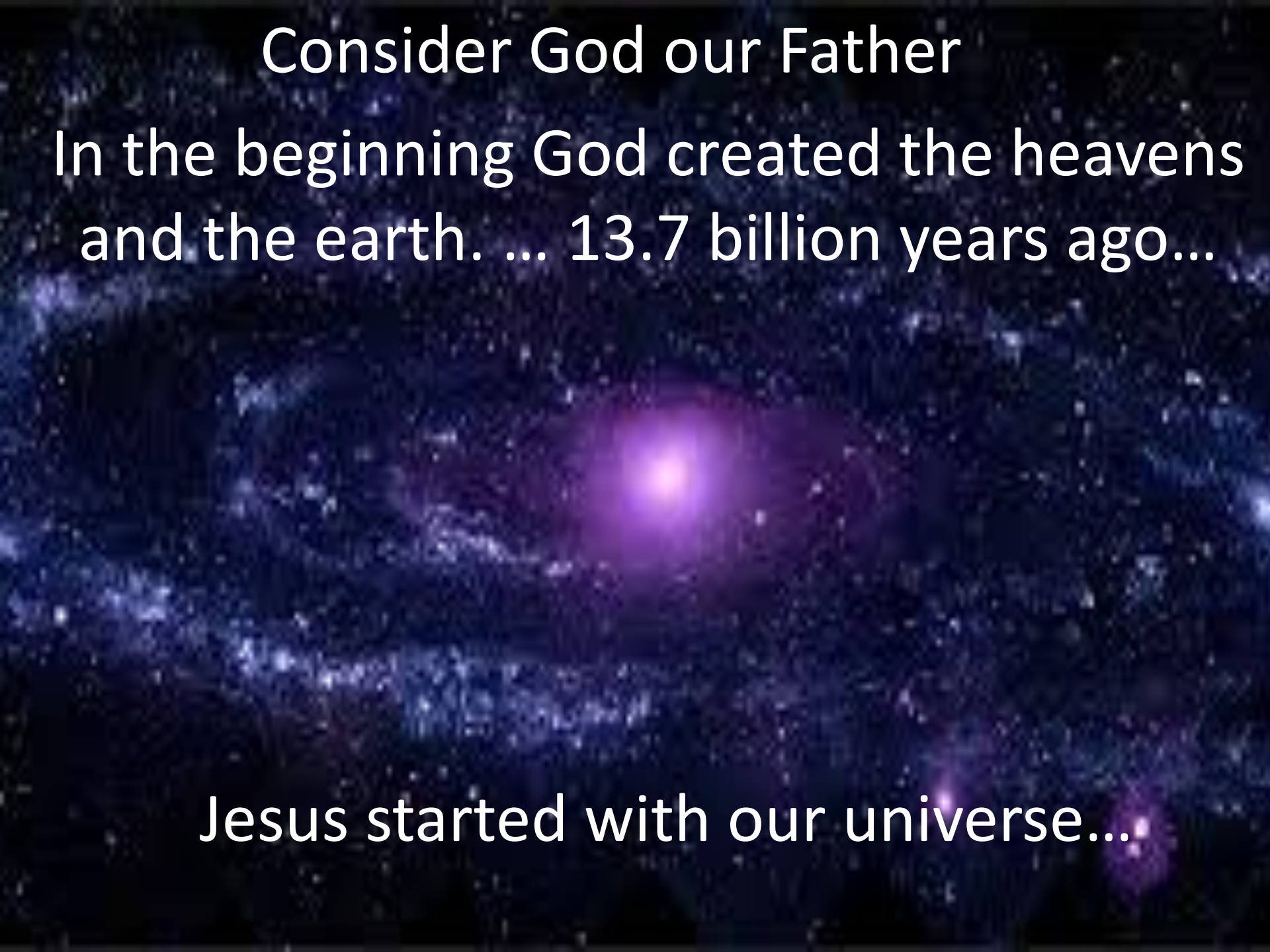
Their work does not come easy but at a
great price...

Consider God our Father

The courage it took to prepare this world,
and put Himself out for humans to adore or
abuse...

He was willing to hurt and take time from
his life to prepare to give...

He started with our universe...



Consider God our Father

In the beginning God created the heavens
and the earth. ... 13.7 billion years ago...

Jesus started with our universe...



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preparing...

Consider God our Father

He taught us writing and had his words
recorded perhaps about 3500 years ago...

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

preparing...

Consider God our Father

He selected a nation to show us the way
more than 3500 years ago...

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.[a]
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

Genesis 12

preparing...

Consider God our Father

Jesus was born to a Virgin...just over 2000years ago

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ~ Luke 2

preparing...

Consider God our Father

Jesus spent most of his life working with his hands in a carpenters shop..



preparing...

Consider God our Father

Jesus put himself out there, to be ridiculed,
abused and hurt..

**How do I know God loves me when I
keep suffering and the pain never
seems to stop?**

“For great is Your love, higher than the heavens; Your faithfulness
reaches to the skies.” Psalm 108:4

Loving us...

Consider God our Father

Jesus put himself out there, to be ridiculed,
abused and hurt..

How did Jesus deal with this...

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”^{[[Isaiah 53:9](#)]}

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

Loving us...

Consider God our Father

Jesus is our example, our life has purpose...

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¹² Now when I went to [Troas](#) to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, ¹³ I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said goodbye to them and went on to Macedonia.

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us as **captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere**. ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? ¹⁷ Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.

Do you think people of the day understood what it meant to be a captive in a triumphal processions?

What does it mean?

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Is the Christian life meant to be easy, pain free, lacking in responsibility?

What is it that makes it so important then?

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Where is that pleasing aroma experienced by God according to the Bible?

What does it mean?

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.
⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls *full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.*

REVELATIONS 5

How important is prayer in preparation for activity?

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How do we deal with this...

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Loving others as God loves us...

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Who is equal to such a task?

If we aren't up to the task, who will bring the joy of God into the hearts of the crowds of people who have no real idea of who the LIVING God is?

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How do we actually do this?

What ways can we prepare for this over the next while...


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Who is equal to such a task?



What should we do to show the REAL Jesus
to people over this Christmas?

A starry night sky with a bright starburst in the center, casting a beam of light down to a small structure on a hill.

Each of us has a unique path to walk
not all paths are easy...
yet all paths are very important...

Have we had the courage to ask God what is the
path we should be walking this Christmas?