

THE MAGNETIC POWER OF CHRIST

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And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32; No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:44

INTRODUCTION: The promises of Jesus Christ to the N.T. Church is that He will draw all men to Him. He also makes it clear that no one can come to Him except He draw him. This drawing power can be described with scientific magnetic power.

Magnetism is basically the property of an object being able to attract another object. This definition is a simple one. A more precise definition would explain that the two substances that attract must be magnetic. Nearly everyone learned in the science lab in high school that opposite poles attract. There is a North Pole and a South Pole these are opposite. Like poles repel each other. We have taken a magnet and played with it for hours on end. We used to find an old radio and take the speaker out of it, get the magnet and play for hours with it. I have taken a magnet and put it into a bucket of nails to see how many nails it would pick up. The same with paper clips. My dad showed me an experiment by taking metal filings and putting them on a white piece of paper. He then placed a magnet under the paper and the filings immediately were attracted to the magnet. I thought that was neat.

When breaking a magnet in half results in two magnets, each with a north and south pole. A single North or South pole has never been observed. The magnetic force of earth's gravity keeps us in place on earth; otherwise we would be hurled by centrifugal force out into space. There is a magnetic power in Christ Jesus. If He did not use that magnetic force that is His to draw men to Himself, man would never seek God. Man lost all inner drawing or desire for God in the Garden fall. Man, by choice chose to turn away from God. God, by design chose to draw man back to Himself. This is what we will discuss today. The magnetic power of Christ. We can see His power in many aspects of His life.

I. THE MAGNETIC POWER OF HIS CRADLE

He was born in a manger because there was no room in the inn. That night, over 2,000 years ago, when a manger became the maternity ward for Heaven's Gift to the world we can see His power to draw men to His cradle.

A. The shepherds were drawn to His cradle. "And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." Luke 2:15 There we see the drawing of the cradle. The shepherds saw the bright light as they watched their flocks. The brightness of the star drew them to the point where

the Babe lay in the manger. Satan wants to take away the cradle. He wants to do away with the virgin birth. Liberal theologians teach against the virgin birth. Their writings attempt to make us believe that the Babe in the manger was the offspring of an illegitimate relationship of Mary with a blonde headed German soldier. Christmas scenes cannot be displayed publicly in most societies. Satan hates anything that magnifies or pictures Christ. Hostile religion has attempted to take away the cradle. Anything that can be done to weaken the fact that Jesus Christ was God born in the flesh then Satan is happy.

Why would anyone be offended by the cradle of Christ? It could only be because they oppose the truth that the Redeemer had come to die for the sins of mankind. That Babe that was laying in that cold, crude, and lonely manger was the only begotten Son of God, the promised one of Israel. This is the method that God used to send His only begotten Son for man's sin. When Jesus was born, God was born; not born as the son of Mary and Joseph; but born as the Son of God. Deity became flesh. God became man in that cradle. It wasn't just any Jewish baby; that was the Lord of Glory. That was the promised Messiah. He was the one that had come to bruise the head of Satan as promised in Genesis 3:15.

B. The Angels Were Drawn To His Cradle.

The angels came to the shepherds and gave them the news of the birth of Christ. *"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."* Luke 2:9-11

What are those good tidings the angel announced? Was it the birth of Christ? No, the birth of Christ was not the good news. The good news was that now the Sacrificial Lamb lives so He can die for all of man's sin. The One who was to bruise the head of Satan, now lives and will redeem His people from their sins.

C. The Wise Men Were Drawn To His Cradle. *"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."* Matt. 2:11 Notice that they came to the house. Why not the manger? Time had lapsed since the birth in the manger. Jesus was probably around two years old at this time.

D. All of The World Has Been Drawn To The Cradle. The birth of Christ was anticipated for centuries. He was the promised Messiah. He was the Deliverer. He was Shiloh. He was the Daystar. He was the Morning Star, the Lamb of God. He was the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the scapegoat of Leviticus, and he kinsman redeemer of the Song of Solomon.

II. THE MAGNETIC POWER OF HIS CHILDHOOD

As a twelve year old boy, He amazed His Parents. It was a tradition for families to go to Jerusalem every year to register. This is the reason why Mary and Joseph had gone to

Jerusalem. There as a twelve year old boy, He astounded the important religious leaders. This is the first indication that He is supernatural. He drew these doctors of theology around Him and amazed them with His wisdom. He Grew Up in Stature and Wisdom. He is perfection in totality. He was not a mysterious looking child walking around freaking everyone out. He was just a normal looking Jewish boy.

III. THE MAGNETIC POWER OF HIS CHARACTER

A. He Drew the Down And Out.

1. Blind Bartimaeus. Mark 10:46: *"And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging."* Mark 10:47 – 52: *"And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still; and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him; Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him; What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him; Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus in the way."*

2. The woman with the issue of blood. Mat 9:20: *"And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:"* Mat 9:21: *"For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole."* There is an issue of the blood today. Our blood has been contaminated by sin. It must be made pure by His blood. He drew the down and out: blind Bartimaeus, the woman with the issue of blood, the poor, the blind, and the lame. Matt. 11:1-5. I'm glad He had a special interest in the poor. That included the Casteel family in Eastern Oklahoma, and most of you here today.

B. He Drew the Up and Out. There was Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. John 3:1, and Zacheaus, the tax collector. Luke 19, doctors and lawyers, theologians, learned men. These were men who knew the Scripture.

C. He Drew the In and Out. He drew men like denying Peter, doubting Thomas, deceiving Judas, and the deserting Disciples.

D. He Drew the Out And Out, such as, Nathaniel, and Andrew.

E. He Drew All Men to Himself. John 12:32: *"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."*

F. He wants to Draw you and me today. *"He came to seek and to save that which was lost."* (Luke 19:10)

IV. THE MAGNETIC POWER OF HIS CROSS.

- A. The cross drew the attention of The Old Testament prophets. Isaiah said, *“unto us a son is given”*. (Isa. 9:6) The prophet hundreds of years before gave a vivid detailed preview of what would happen on the cross.
- B. It Drew the attention of Jesus During His Ministry., *“For this cause....” He knew what the cross was. In the Garden He prayed for it to be removed.* John 12:27 The cross was His place of sacrifice. The place of atonement for sin for man.
- C. It drew the Attack of Satan. Satan worked through Judas to betray Jesus and bring the Jewish leaders to arrest Jesus in Gethsemane. He caused the decuples to fall asleep at the most crucial hour. He knew that the curse pronounced on him in the garden of Eden was about to come to pass. His head was about to be bruised by the heel of the Son of God in fulfillment of Genesis 3:15.
- D. It Drew the attention of Paradise. Paradise is the place where O.T. saints went after death and waited for Christ. Hades was on the other side of paradise. Luke 23:43
- E. It Drew the Attention Of God The Father. Luke 23:44.
- F. It Drew the Attention Of The Holy Spirit. Luke 23:46.
- G. It Drew the Attention Of All Sinners. Luke 23:39-43; The two thieves represent all lost people. Some will believe - some won't.
- H. It Drew the Attention Of All Saints. Matt. 27:52&53.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord
To the cross where thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, To
Thy precious, bleeding side.

V. THE MAGNETIC POWER OF HIS COMING

A. He Promises That The "Dead in Christ Shall Rise". 1 Thess. 4:16. (The Rapture) All of the saved people will be drawn to Him in the air.

Rev 4. “Come up hither.” The next prophetic event will be the rapture. It is so close it could happen this very day.

The departure to immorality by our government officials, and then the acceptance of that by this nation says the rapture is near.

B. He Promises to Draw Us Unto Himself. John 14:3. (The Revelation)

The fear of the problem with the Millennium Bug says the rapture is near. The Y2K Survival Kit. (Faith in God.)

VI. THE MAGNETIC POWER OF HIS CROWN

A. All the Military Will Be Under His Control.
The Battle of Armageddon.

The armies of the Anti-Christ will attack Him, but they will be defeated. Blood will flow 10 miles wide and 200 miles long up to the horses' bridle at this battle.

B. All the Economic Power Will Be In His Hand. The Millennium.

C. All the Religious Control Will Be His.
1. He is the High Priest.
2. He is the Firstborn from the dead.

D. All the Political Control Will Be His. The government shall be upon His shoulders.
King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

VII. THE MAGNETIC POWER OF HIS CHURCH

A. The Gospel Spreading Instrument. Matt. 28:19-20.
1. Given to the local church.
2. All ministries are to be under a local church.
 a. All Bible colleges.
 b. All missionaries under a church. That will eliminate mission boards.
 c. All printing publications.
 d. Every evangelist.

B. It Will Be Presented to Him Without Blemish. Eph. 5:27.

C. The True N.T. Churches Will Be His Bride. Rev. 19.

VIII. THE MAGNETIC POWER OF HIS CORONATION

He will be crowned King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Of His kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1:33: "And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

(House of Jacob) Natural Jew; Those born of Jacob.
Spiritual Jew; The Jews and Gentiles who have been born again.

We shall fall before Him in worship and adoration. Rev 5:12 "Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

One of these days every person, every organization, every artist, every publication, every writer that has ever spoken against Him will bow and recognize Him as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Phil 2:9: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:"

Phil 2:10: "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;"

Phil 2:11 : "And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Karl Marx who tried to eliminate teaching of Christ will bow before Him. Hitler will bow before Him. Joseph Stalin will bow before Him. Every college professor who has claimed that Christ was just another man will bow before Him. The leaders of all of the liberal organizations in the world will fall before and bow to Him. Each one will confess with their tongue that Jesus Christ is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Following this all who have rejected Him will be cast into the lake of fire.