

*"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)*

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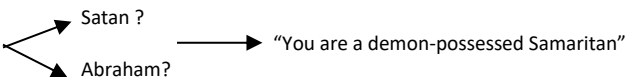
## WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

### The Glory of the Advent of Christ

*Abraham was looking forward to Christmas*

**TEXT:** [John 8:48–59 \(ESV\)](#)

#### THE STORY

Who's your father? 


"If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death." → (Abraham died & he kept your word)

*Your father Abraham is alive. He looked for my day. He saw it. He rejoiced and was glad*

AND I WAS BEFORE ABRAHAM

He not only claims the Christocentric<sup>1</sup> worldview of Abraham; He claims that He existed before Abraham, indeed He claims to be eternal. Of course, there is only one eternal being, that is God.

#### WHAT DAY DID ABRAHAM SEE?

Abraham's worldview<sup>2</sup>. \_\_\_\_\_

[Hebrews 11:8-19](#). Notice verse 17: "his ONLY son."

<sup>1</sup> Seeing Christ in the Old Testament

<sup>2</sup> Concept of life or the world

Abraham’s worldview was to see spiritual certainties in the physical realities. “The joy of Abraham refers to the birth of Isaac. Abraham saw in Isaac the hope of mankind and the promise of a Messiah. He saw the promise afar off (Heb 11:13).”<sup>1</sup>

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**THE MAIN POINT**

*Abraham found his ultimate fulfillment and joy in the person of Jesus Christ. Or stated otherwise: Abraham was dreaming of Christmas and when it came, he saw it and was glad!*

**APPLICATION**

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Can we look past the physical, the earthy, the temporary and find our ultimate joy and happiness in Christ alone?

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<sup>1</sup> Hindson, E. E., & Kroll, W. M. (Eds.). (1994). *KJV Bible Commentary* (p. 2098). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.