December 16 - PAMELA FROE

Read: MATTHEW 2:3-7

SALVATION IS THE GREATEST GIFT THAT YOU CAN RECEIVE

The days that our children are born are considered by many to be the happiest times of our lives. But, none can compare to the day that our King, Jesus, was born. Jesus was born so that mankind could be delivered from their sin and have a second chance for eternal life through His sacrificial death. Before Jesus was born, Satan attempted to prevent mankind from being redeemed back to God. King Herod was just one of the many ways Satan used in his attempt to prevent the ministry of Jesus. Herod was ruthless, power thirsty, and wanted to control the power that the only God can hold. Herod wanted Jesus dead to prevent His Kingship. Yet, Jesus is King of kings, Lord of lords, and no man can avert His coming reign.

As followers of Jesus it is good that we remember Christ's first coming in acknowledging His birth on December 25th, which was probably not the day he was born. Scriptures does not give us the date of his birth, and so scripture does not require us to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th. Nor, does scripture ask us to celebrate any other worldly traditions.

Instead, God does command us to celebrate His holy days, as a day of worship. We are to practice worship on regular basis like you would practice a fire drill or as we would a wedding rehearsal the day before a typical American marriage ceremony. We are to remember, the Sabbath and keep it a "holy--day."

God over came the obstacles of this world so we may be redeemed and saved from the evil and sin in this world. No one including King Herod, could stop the birth of Christ and his mission to save the world. May we always seek to know and follow Christ who was born to die for our salvation.

PRAYER: Thank you Father for sending Jesus for the salvation of the world. Remind us that there is nothing that would or could ever stand in the way of God's redeeming love for all of God's children. Thank you that nothing can separate us from God's love.