

A Great Day in the Kingdom – December 4, 2020

Many years ago, around this time of year (Advent), I was deer hunting in South Central Texas, near Priddy, on Tater Hill. The fog was thick and I knew or thought I knew that a cull buck was available. Let me explain to the non-hunters, please. A cull buck is either one who needs to be eliminated from the gene pool or too old to continue into another season. The fog did not allow me to observe the size of this buck's rack, but I could see the neck was in the condition of an elderly buck. I took the shot and walked down to claim my future venison jerky, sausage and hamburger. As I approached the buck, I noticed the remainder of his "horns". Wow! This one was a monster! What made the hunt even more special was I had taken this buck with a brand-new deer rifle from my wife, Christie.

I remember how proud I was to show off this massive buck. He was mighty, obviously powerful and although I do not hunt for trophies, a trophy to display he would be.

In every home we inhabit, Christie, of all people, insists that this buck adorns the living room wall. He even has a name, "Buster" given by Tom and Marion Ruth, our children. On Buster's first Christmas I came home to find him humiliated. Christie had covered his beautiful horns with Christmas tree decorations. At first, it was awful and I did express my dissatisfaction. "This guy was the King of the forest and look at him now!" I said. Christie's response was immediate. "He may be or have been the King of the forest, but now He is going to pay respect to the King of Kings." Well, she was right. Buster may have been an earthly King, but his authority ended on the earth. Psalm 72:11, "All kings will bow before Him, and all nations will serve Him."

As we anticipate the birth of our Lord and Savior, God reminds us that He is in control and has covered us in Eternal Love, by sending The King of Kings. Buster has a new purpose, every Advent Season of our Holy Days. Through Buster's decorative appearance each Christmas season, I am reminded that we should all do what we can to bow down before the King of Kings. The earth will pass away, but God's Love for us, represented in the birth of the Christ Child, should be a reminder for all of us that nothing can separate us from the Love of God.

Romans 8:38, should inspire and motivate us into God's will, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer: Lord, may we bow down before the King of Kings, through thought, word and deed as we Love our world, as you Love us, by sending us a Savior.

AMEN!

Have a blessed week!

Pastor Joel