

## **A Great Day in the Kingdom – 12/27/24**

On December 25, Christmastide begins, and ends on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Doesn't Jesus, our true ultimate Ruler and King of all creation, rate the full calendar of celebration?

In my first year of ministry, we sang Christmas carols the Sunday after the 25<sup>th</sup> of December. A couple sitting in the mid-section of this little country Church walked out. They had not been members long, but left in such a hurry there had obviously been an emergency. I later called and asked if they were all right.

I was quickly informed that we were "milking Christmas." The couple then informed me that we were commercializing Christmas by extending the celebration. These folks were serious and very angry. After taking a deep breath, I asked if I could meet with them. They were not familiar with the Twelve Days of Christmas, as they thought it was only the title of a song.

After a lengthy discussion, they understood. The truth is: quickly storing Christmas decorations before Epiphany is not how Christmas should be celebrated. After all, these are not Halloween decorations. This is the celebration of the King of the World. He is the King of All Kings and Lord of All Lords. He is the Messiah! Please, leave your decorations up and give our King full honor and tribute.

**1 Timothy 6:15, The Blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords**

Keep those decorations up!!! Glory to God!!!

Merry Christmas!!!

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