

SERMON NOTES DECEMBER 27, 2009

The “Awe” of Advent, *Bob McCoy*

Introduction - ...focusing on the “wrong” things at Christmas...

Main Idea - God combines four “gifts” in/around the birth of Jesus that are meant to provoke our “awe”...
Specifically we’re given

[1] His name – Identity

Psalm 99:1-3 – an “awesome name”

Matthew 1:21-25 – a “given” name

Names are given to us for the purposes of:

- Identification – Who is the “god” who is speaking
- Definition – What sort of “god” is speaks
- Prediction – What does this “god” promise
- Invocation – What is the power behind this name

Apply – Have you received the “gift” of God’s name?

[2] His works – Insight

Psalm 145:6 – his “awesome” works - so that we’ll be

- Awed by works we’ve seen
- Awed by works we’ve been promised

Apply – Have you received the “gift” of God’s insight?

[3] His words, or more technically, His Law – Intention

Psalm 119:120 - His awesome “law” which gives us His intentions to be

- Glorified in weakness
- Overcome obstacles

Apply – Have you understood His intentions for your life?

[4] His presence - Incarnation

Hebrews 12:28 – receiving His kingdom with ...awe

The awesome strategy of the cosmic God... to get personal with His creatures...

Apply – Have you invited Him into the manger of your heart?