## Christmas at Uz Ray Stedman

I. Introduction.
A. Text: Job 42.
B. There are reminders of Christmas in the end of Job.
II. It was a time of family gathering.
III. There was a feast.
IV. There was fellowship.
A. Job was comforted from what was called "evil" that God had put upon him.
B. However, Job likely would have said that God was not doing evil to him at all, but insteaching him two marvelous truths.
1. God taught Job that he had a mediator who understood him and redeemed him.
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- b. Job found new joy and peace in God through His grace.
- C. God knows the way that Job took, and after trying him, he came forth as gold.
- V. Gifts were given—signs of redemption and deity in silver and gold.
  - A. Christians give gifts because they have already given so much more.
  - B. The one who was coming into the world for Job would come to save sins, and this brings joy and gladness at Christmas time.

## **Application questions:**

1. What truths did Job learn and how do these truths relate to the gospel?

2. How do the gifts of Job picture the gifts of the Christian?
2. What does "Christmas at Ur" tall us the fears of arous Christmas should be? Eurolein
3. What does "Christmas at Uz" tell us the focus of every Christmas should be? Explain.