

Daily Devotion For December 17, 2022

“though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Earlier this year, Queen Elizabeth passed away leaving the throne to her son King Charles III. For Royal watchers, there is a new Netflix program on the lives of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Two years ago they stepped away from the British royal family and reportedly bought a nearly 15 million dollar mansion in the Montecito area of Southern California. The seven-acre estate has nine bedrooms, a guesthouse, a teahouse, a tennis court, a swimming pool, an elevator, and a gym.

As we look towards the birth of our Lord Jesus, He made a different move. Jesus left the royal throne of heaven on a mission to provide redemption for the world. When He came to earth, He didn't inhabit a mansion in Jerusalem or dwell in an expensive villa in the Roman world. He lived in poverty, worked with His hands in the blazing sun, traveled as a preacher without a pillow for His head, and died without a shekel to His name. Jesus did all of that so we might inherit mansions in the heavens!

Jesus said in John 14:2 (NKJV) ² In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were not so*, ^[b]I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”

Thought For Today: Reflect on the life of Jesus that though He was rich he became poor that we might have a glorious mansion in heaven.”

Today's Prayer Focus: Please continue to keep those who mourn and grieve the loss of loved ones in prayer. For Shirley Wong and Judy Yamashita. For those in need of God's strengthening and healing touch. Deo Volente.