

# Brian Gibson 2024 Prophetic Word: “God’s Igniting a Holy Hunger”

In a new video clip, music artist Lil Nas X says he’s entered into his ‘Christian era.’ But how true is his faith?

Lil Nas rose to fame with “Old Town Road” and became known for inappropriately dancing with Satan and for “666” shoes. So, if Nas really has found the true meaning of the gospel by repenting of his sins and entrusting his life with Christ, then that would be a huge win. However, there are still some serious points of concern when it comes to what Nas has to say about Christianity.

Nas, who previously claimed to be homosexual, wrote comments on Twitter implying that he would continue to engage in this type of lifestyle, saying that Christianity and the LBGTQ lifestyle “are not mutually exclusive.” Nas went even further describing why he believes many oppose his “Christian era.”

“Y’all see everything I do as a gimmick,” Nas wrote on X. “When in reality I’m just an artist expressing myself in different ways. Whether I’m a cowboy, gay, satanic, or now Christian, y’all find a problem! Y’all don’t police nobody else art like mine. Y’all hate me because I’m fun, cute and petite.”

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This tweet in itself could be considered questionable about whether Nas is using Christianity as his next ticket to fame.

In his song, Nas sings, “Father stretch my hands / The lonely

road seems to last the longest / Help me with my plans / everything seems to go to nowhere / Oh free me from worry and wanting pity / Free me from all this envy in me / I don't want these feelings / I call on angels / I'm trying hard to face my pain, yeah / Give me hope when I feel, give me hope when I feel less.

From the lyrics, it does seem that Nas wants some help managing his struggles and inner emotional turmoil. Yet, from other comments on X it seems that if Nas' faith is true, he still has much to learn about what it means to turn away from sin and cling to God's plans and purposes instead of our own.

In a time when drag queen artist Flamy Grant rose to the top of the Christian charts and even attended the Dove Awards, it is critical that we are wary of the kinds of content we consume, making sure that what we ultimately are placing in our minds and our hearts is a reflection of God's goodness, holiness and mercy. Right now, only time will tell if Lil Nas X's heart has completely been changed by the gospel.

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## **Why Advent is a Foreshadowing of the Things to Come**

Christmas has taken a very dark turn this year.

In an annual Christmas tree festival at the National Railroad

Museum in Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin, Christmas took an entirely different turn this year as the Satanic Temple of Wisconsin placed their own Christmas tree in the festival this year.

According to Fox News, instead of donning angels, snowflakes or other sentimental ornaments, the Satanic temple's ornaments read "Hail Santa," similar to the phrase "Hail Satan." Other ornaments on the tree included, "Hail All" with rainbow colors, an upside down cross and other official markers of the Satanic temple.

American Majority Action's national executive director Matt Batzel took to X to share photos of the tree laden with red lights and the satanic sign next to it, saying, "Outrageous! National Railroad Museum features a Satanic worship tree."

Museum CEO Jacqueline Frank admitted that while there have been a few complaints about the tree, she says that the museum would not discard an entry for having a differing viewpoint or religious doctrine.

"There was no hesitation. We're not a religious organization," Frank said. "And honestly, the Christmas tree is used by so many different secular and religious organizations. All we're doing is putting up decoration in that room."

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This wasn't the only controversial tree on display during the festival, which lasts until December 31. According to the Green Bay Press Gazette, there was also a tree on display from the Bay Area for Council and Gender Diversity about transgender rights with ornaments reading "Protect Trans Kids."

The introduction of these dark and twisted concepts as part of the Christmas season are the complete opposite of what most

people, especially parents, strive for during the holidays. While the world continues to trample around in darkness, we must seek out the light that can only be found in Christ. There's a reason actors like Candace Cameron Bure are desiring to share the message of hope during the Christmas season, or that films like Journey to Bethlehem exist. This is the time to speak about the birth and the hope found through the one place that truly matters: The Son of God.

While our culture may have shifted its priorities during Christmas to be more retail-driven than church-centered, that does not mean that Christ is out of the holiday. Instead, we should embrace the true meaning of Christmas now more than we ever have before so that the world may know why we celebrate in the first place.

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## **Demon Manifestation Leads Woman to Preach the Gospel on an Airplane**

After experiencing one of the most difficult seasons of his life, Charisma Media's James Lasher explained that it is through the power of prayer and praise that he was able to give thanks to God no matter what the enemy was trying to tell him.

When Lasher first accepted his role with Charisma Media, he and his wife knew that it was part of God's plan for his life. However, for the first year and two months before finding a permanent residence, he found himself commuting each week from Orlando, Florida, to be with his wife and daughter at his in-law's home in Georgia. This undesired separation from his family led him to heavily rely on the power of intercession from his family, friends and those he worked with, along with the principle of praise.

"From staying with people for the first portion, which seems like a lifetime ago even though it was less than a year, to staying in hotels...it would sometimes change from week to week and not knowing where I'd be the next, but knowing I'd be at Charisma each time and learning to praise the Lord during that time, to give Him thanks," Lasher said.

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Lasher has now not only seen God's complete faithfulness to through the middle of one of his greatest storms as he and his family have now been permanently reunited, but he explains the greater, deeper appreciation for the spiritual growth that comes through trials and tribulations as the apostle Paul first described them.

"We look at a lot of times what Paul endured as the apostle who is responsible...for so much of the New Testament. And I was able to look back and see the things that he endured almost to the point of death, which eventually it did lead to death, but I'm talking about during his travels, during his establishing of churches across the regions of the Roman Empire. And what he endured from sickness, illness, hatred, jail, all of these things," Lasher said.

Lasher says that one of the things that Christians today tend

to get wrong is a belief that life will be without struggles. However, this is opposite of what the Scripture says.

“There’s such a misconception in Christianity that once you accept Christ into your life, which is an amazing, wonderful, joyous moment, [but] it’s not easy street after that,” Lasher says.

“If Christians would spend more time in the Word of God and develop their biblical literacy, they would see that persecution is going to come your way. Spiritual attacks and spiritual warfare are going to come your way because now you’re a part of Christ; you’re not a part of the world anymore so that puts a nice little target on you for Satan.”

All Christians are called to endure suffering at some point in time. There’s a reason that James 1:2-4 reads: “My brothers, count it all joy when you fall into diverse temptations, knowing that the trying of your faith develops patience. But let patience perfect its work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” While not everything we endure will be pleasant, God uses all things for His good and to grow us into the people He has called us to become.

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**Steven Curtis Chapman’s**

# Symphony of Faith and Hope to Premiere on TBN

When it comes to Christmas entertainment, there's few who do it better than Candace Cameron Bure.

In a new interview with Fox News alongside Great American Family CEO Bill Abbot, Bure shared her heart for creating family-friendly entertainment that can provide hope, with her latest film, "My Christmas Hero."

"I think we want to create an oasis in a cultural desert," Bure said.

With with her newest film, Bure is hoping to honor military members while providing meaningful content that the entire family can watch.

"I've been a Christian for a very long time, and I've been a mom for a long time, so all of those things I have some good input," Bure said of the Great American Family content. "I've been in entertainment for a very long time, but I really connect with the people who view our movies, and that's what's most important, and I want to help create the best content out there."

CEO Bill Abbot also said that it is the family and freedom values that he aspires the company to uphold and represent.

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"Our network is all about celebrating faith, family and country," Abbot said. "And so, it's a privilege to be here. And it really represents what the nature of the heart of Great American Family."

As Charisma magazine reported, Candace has spent years trying to bring the light of Christ to Hollywood's entertainment industry. While Bure has been a Christian for many years, her switch from Hallmark to Great American Family placed her faith directly at the forefront of what she would and would not indulge, including content that placed LGBTQ relationships in the place of traditional marriages.

Bure is not the only family entertainment actor who has been outspoken about her faith. Co-stars Jen Lilley and Danica McKellar have openly shared about their relationship with Jesus. While the number of righteous, faithful Christians in Hollywood may seem to be far and few, it's just as important that Christians who find themselves in the spotlight use it for His glory and not their own.

As the holiday season rolls around, families and friends will be gathered together and the Christmas movies and TV shows will abound. While the classics will be enjoyed, plenty of new content will flood the television screens. Even behind the lights of the Christmas trees and the warmth of the fireplace, it is critical that we stay vigilant with the types of entertainment we consume. This should be a time for God to be glorified and the gospel to be shared. What better way to start than by with the material consumed during a family movie night?

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# **5 Lies The Church Has Accepted in an Anti-Christian Culture**