

Sunday, December 20, 2020

“Birth Announcement!!!”

Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-12

The coming of the very Son of God, the second person of the Godhead, into the world stands as one of the most phenomenal events in all of history. It necessitated a tremendous birth announcement. The fact that such a King who has always been and will reign forever would leave Heaven to come to Earth at all is astounding. The fact that He would die for us and therefore make atonement for our sins completely overwhelms us! Today we worship the Christ Child and stand amazed even now at the announcement of His birth.

I. The Importance of Accepting the Announcement (v.18-25)

- Accept the truth that Joseph was the legal father of Jesus only; the Holy Spirit alone was His actual father.

- Accept the truth that this announced King came to help (Jesus- “Jehovah’s helper”), not to whom we cater.

A. Accept His unique identity.

- He came expressly to give salvation as a gift.

- He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and is fully God; born of the virgin and is fully man. He is the only God-man.

- He is Emmanuel- “God with us”- personified.

B. Accept His unique qualifications.

“He Himself will save us from our sins”

- “Savior” is a term used for many rulers and others, but Jesus was set apart for the purpose. The Gentiles looked for a Savior in those days of their choosing and 2000 years later, men still desire a Savior from their own ranks! (There is “no other name”- Acts 4:12)

C. Accept His unique classification.

“Save His people from their sins”

- Jesus’ salvation is a deliverance.

- Jesus’ salvation is limited- His people.

- Jesus’ salvation is relational! (v.23) “God with us”

II. The Importance of Acknowledging the Announcement (v.2:1-12)

A. All of inanimate nature acknowledged the Son of God visibly!

(2:2) “His star”- This is a miracle plain and simple. Psalm 19:1- “The heavens declare the Glory of God”

- In the realm of all nature Christ is King!

B. Wisdom and Science acknowledge the Son of God vividly. (v.1-12)

“Magi from the East”

- They honored God’s guidance by following.
- They recognized the source of all wisdom as God.
- They realized God’s salvation when others see only destruction.

C. Government and authorities acknowledge the Son of God.

- Herod was a non-Jew and had no right to the Judean Throne.
- Governments often respond when their “positions” are threatened.
- Jesus was “born” King; Herod was only “appointed”.
- Government was ordained by God for His purposes; when man tries to override God’s plans, God acts!
- All governmental leaders have died or will die, but Jesus Christ lives forever!

D. Individual souls will all acknowledge the Son of God.

- God sees the inward attitude of one’s who are truly worshipping; men see only the outside!
- Humility and reverence always appeal to God.
- True worship starts and ends with willingness.
- Gifts brought show the depths of our hearts.