

THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR, Lk. 2:1-20

WHEN WE THINK OF THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR, WE THINK OF:

I. PROVIDENCE AND PROPHECY

1. THE DECREE OF CAESAR.

THE FACT THAT THE EMPEROR COULD ISSUE SUCH A DECREE FOR PALESTINE SHOWS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE OLD MESSIANIC PROMISES WAS NEAR AT HAND.

GEN. 49:10, THE SCEPTRE HAD DEPARTED FROM JUDAH,
THE LAWGIVER FROM BETWEEN HIS FEET.

IT WAS TIME FOR SHILOH TO COME.

2. MICAH'S PROPHECY OF BETHLEHEM.

A. MARY LIVED AT NAZARETH.

B. GOD SAW THAT SHE WENT TO BETHLEHEM BY THE TIME FOR THE HOLY BABE TO BE BORN.

3. HOW METICULOUSLY ACCURATE IS GOD'S WORD IN PROPHECY.

4. HOW ACCURATE IT WILL BE IN PROPHESYING THE RETURN OF CHRIST AND THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF THE DIVINE PROGRAM IN THE WORLD.

Kansas City "Bridge that divided from a River"

5. THE PROVISION OF THE MANGER.

6. GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES FOR HIS OWN.

II. LOWLINESS AND HUMILITY

1. JOSEPH THE CARPENTER

2. MARY AN UNKNOWN VILLAGE MAIDEN

3. HE WAS BORN IN A MANGER, NOT A MANSION, "NOT IN PALACE HALLS AND AMID PAGEANTS OF EARTHLY GRANDEUR, NOT WITH PRINCES LEADING THE INAUGURAL PROCESSION, BUT WITH A COMPANY OF SHEPHERDS AT THEIR NIGHTLY WATCHES AS THE FIRST WITNESSES.

4. SO THE SAVIOR OF SINNERS ENTERS UPON THE STAGE OF HUMAN SUFFERING AS OUR BROTHER AND OUR KINSMAN REDEEMER.

III. REJOICING AND PEACE.

1. THE MESSAGE THAT CALMS OUR FEARS, V. 10.

2. THE SAVIOR WHO FORGIVES OUR SINS, V. 11.

A. THE ANOINTED LORD

B. SALVATION IS THE OBJECT OF CHRISTMAS

3. THE SIGN THAT REASSURES OUR FAITH, V. 12.

4. THE SONG THAT THRELLS OUR HEART, 13-14.

5. THE PEACE THAT QUIETS OUR MINDS, V. 14-
*peace of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing
when there is no water up to its necks.*

6. THE DISCOVERY THAT TRANSFORMS OUR LIFE, V. 16.

7. THE CONVICTION THAT CONTROLS OUR TONGUES, V. 17

8. THE PRAISE THAT GLORIFIES OUR GOD, V. 20

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