

November 28, 2010

Joseph and the High Road

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

²³"The virgin will be with a child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us".

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

²⁵But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave Him the name Jesus.

1. Godly living seeks _____.

Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. *Matthew 1:19*

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. *Philippians 2:3*

2. God always supplies what is _____.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." *Matthew 1:20*

And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. *1 Corinthians 10:13*

3. Obedience to God _____ from God.

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. *Matthew 1:24*

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. *James 4:17*

4. Personal faith is tested in _____.

But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. *Matthew 1:25*

But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face. *Matthew 6:17*

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