“A Prophecy of The Son Who Saves”

Matthew 1:18-25 Sunday December 17, 2023

## INTRODUCTION READ Matthew 1:18-25  [Pew Bible pg. 757]

“They weren’t thinking about dates . . .”

Fulfilled Prophecy . . . The Promise of God . . . The Savior of the World

Hope = confident expectation God does accomplish His plans according to His promises which He has revealed in His Word to His people “Messianic Promise”

 “A Prophecy of His Birth in Bethlehem” Micah 5

 “A Prophecy of The Son Named Jesus” Luke 1

Repeated word “child” v. 18, 20, 23 a son . . . a son . . . a son

 “you shall call His name Jesus [v.21] . . . and he called His name Jesus [v. 25]

 “and they shall call His name Immanuel . . . God with us.” [v. 23]

The Birth of Jesus Christ [v.18] the beginning of the story about Jesus on Earth

Sinclair Ferguson “Prepared in Ancient History” His credentials as The Messiah

No Unreliability in God’s Promises to Us . . .

No Difficulty that can halt God’s purposes for Us . . .

No Obscurity that can hinder God’s work through Us . . .

1. The Family of The Son Who Saves 1:18-19

 Supporting Relationships for This Supernatural Pregnancy

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows” Why we celebrate Christmas

1. Relationship of A Mother to Him cf.1:16

“when His mother Mary . . .” her role as His physical mother

“she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit . . .”

 Illustration: The Nativity Story

1. Relationship of A Man to His Mother

“And Joseph her husband . . .” his role as His legal father

 “. . . being a righteous man . . .” see how he decided, acted, planned

The Father can and does use ordinary people for the glory of His Son . . .

So many times The Lord chooses the most humble to do the greatest things . . .

So many scoffed and scorned Jesus for His lowly mother and father . . .

1. The Prophecy of The Son Who Saves 1:20-23

 Supporting Truths for This Supernatural Pregnancy

1. The Baby Is Promised Who Will Be A Son of Joseph 1:20

 “But when he had considered this, behold . . .”

 “for the One who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.”

1. The Savior Is Promised Who Is The One Named Jesus 1:21

 “And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus . . .”

 “for He will save His people from their sins.” “He Himself . . .”

 Acts 4:12 Ephesians 1:20-21 Philippians 2:9-11

 “The name JESUS means "Savior . . ." J.C. Ryle

Look to no other and nowhere else for salvation from your sins

Knowledge we all need to be saved from our sins & no one can save themselves

The debt we brought upon ourselves in our many sins He alone pays what we owe

1. The Son Was Promised Who Will Be Called Immanuel 1:22-23

“and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”

“He should come to be known *in this character,* as God manifested in the flesh”

 Illustration: Dietrich Ritschl’s city was bombed

1. The History of The Son Who Saves 1:24-25

Supporting Realities for This Supernatural Pregnancy

“And Joseph . . . did as the angel of the Lord commanded him . . .”

“ . . . she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.”

 Cf. Matthew 1:16; 2:11, 13, 20-21; 13:55; Luke 1:27

 “That Joseph called his name Jesus . . .” Matthew Henry

His service for the Son named Jesus as a ministry to Mary also

How the Lord so kindly deals with us in our times of need through obedience for Jesus

How greatly Joseph and Mary are affected by these moments for all of eternity

CONCLUSION  A Prophecy of The Son Who Saves

* Believe that the Son named Jesus Is The Only One Who saves us from our sins
* Understand How the Lord is fulfilling His Word in Being With Us in Everything
* Consider how you will minister to others because of Who Jesus Is
* Know that God Is With Us Because of the Birth of Jesus