

“A Christian’s Best **Gift** to Give God”

Matthew 1:24-25

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. <sup>20</sup> But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. <sup>21</sup> And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. <sup>22</sup> Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, <sup>23</sup> Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. <sup>24</sup> Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: <sup>25</sup> And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.”

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- I. The Divine **Conception** (vs 18)
- II. The Loving **Protection** (vs 18-19)
- III. The Angelic **Intervention** (vs 20-23)
- IV. The Faithful **Execution** (vs 24-25)
  - a. Faithful Obedience is **Immediate** Obedience
  - b. Faithful Obedience is **Ignorant** Obedience

Isaiah 55:8-9 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

- c. Faithful Obedience is **Restraining** Obedience
  - d. Faithful Obedience is **Complete** Obedience
- V. The **Obedient** Application

2 Timothy 4:6-7 “For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. <sup>7</sup> I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:”

- a. Is Our Obedience **Immediate**?
- b. Is Our Obedience **Ignorant**?
- c. Is Our Obedience **Restraining**?
- d. Is Our Obedience **Complete**?