



The Root & Offspring of David

Christmas Sermon 2020

Title Slide - Invocation Prayer



Intro Story - NY Church burned down, yet members stay hopeful - <<https://apnews.com/article/race-and-ethnicity-new-york-fires-christmas-new-york-city-5fdcbdb15386d6b22bbc7658b5b360a3>>

“Built in 1892 in the East Village, Middle Collegiate is home to the oldest congregation of the Collegiate Churches of New York, which date to the settlement of Manhattan Island by Dutch colonists in the 1620s. “No matter what the material thing is, what the brick-and-mortar thing is, that’s not Christmas,” Hurd said. “Christmas is your spirit, connecting with others and lifting them up. And I think that’s what Christmas will be this year.”

2020 Sermon Plan Year

- ✿ Q1- Second Coming - We are waiting for Someone, not something
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Main Idea

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Key passage for this fourth quarter - “For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.” (2 Corinthians 5:13–15 NAS95)



Immanuel - God With Us is a beautiful story of God's plan. And it started right from the very foundation of history.



That history included King David, Israel's greatest king. 2 Samuel 7 includes an incredible prophecy to David at the height of his reign. 2 Samuel 7:12-16 -
““When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. “I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. “Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.”””
(2 Samuel 7:12–16 NAS95)

David's Response in Prayer

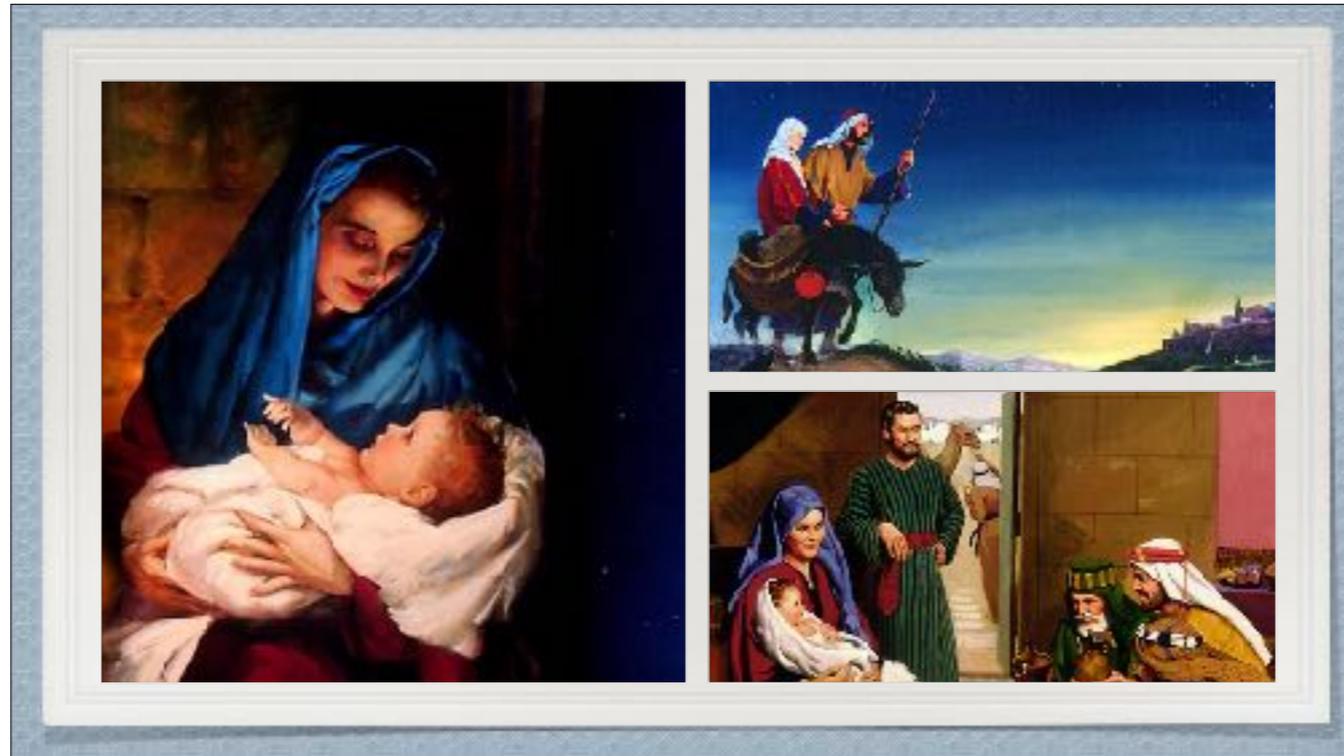
2 Samuel 7:25–29



“Now therefore, O LORD God, the word that You have spoken concerning Your servant and his house, confirm it forever, and do as You have spoken, that Your name may be magnified forever, by saying, ‘The LORD of hosts is God over Israel’; and may the house of Your servant David be established before You. “For You, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made a revelation to Your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house’; therefore Your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to You. “Now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and Your words are truth, and You have promised this good thing to Your servant. “Now therefore, may it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue forever before You. For You, O Lord GOD, have spoken; and with Your blessing may the house of Your servant be blessed forever.””
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“From the days of eternity the Lord Jesus Christ was one with the Father,” but “He chose to give back the scepter into the Father’s hands, and to step down from the throne of the universe,” in order “that He might dwell among us, and make us familiar with His divine character and life” (DA 19, 22, 23). - Immanuel



“Every step in the plan of redemption, laid before the foundation of the world, had been completed according to schedule (see on Luke 2:49). Satan had been unsuccessful in his attempts to overthrow the plan. Christ’s victory assured the salvation of man.” See DA 758–764. - SDABC on John 19:30



And now His promise of abundant life is available to all who believe and walk in His path of righteousness...



“But of the Son He says, “YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.” (Hebrews 1:8 NAS95) [A citation from Ps. 45:6, 7]

““I will make the lame a remnant And the outcasts a strong nation, And the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on and forever.” (Micah 4:7 NAS95)

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Read Galatians 5:22,23-Do you like being around people who have the fruit of the Spirit? Would you like these fruits in your life?

Fruit of the Spirit - Love

- ✿ __+ Do you choose to love others as Jesus has loved you?
- ✿ __- Have you built “walls” around your heart to protect yourself from getting hurt? The walls keep you from giving or receiving love.

“The fruit of the Spirit is not the natural product of human nature, but of a power wholly outside of man.” - SDABC

"These are the qualities everyone is longing for. We can't produce them on our own. However, we often seek for them in unhealthy ways. For example, people seek love through sex, joy through entertainment, peace through pleasant circumstances, and being good to others so they will be good to us. The counterfeits will always leave us feeling empty and hurt.

Below there are questions that reveal what the fruit of the Spirit is like (+ sign). There are also questions that reveal the opposite (– sign).” - Clinton MeHarry

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Fruit of the Spirit - Peace

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Fruit of the Spirit - Patience

- ✿ __+ Do you have an inner security that enables you to look beyond the faults of others and minister to their needs?
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Fruit of the Spirit - Kindness

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Fruit of the Spirit - Goodness

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Fruit of the Spirit - Faith/Faithfulness

- ✿ __+ Have you experienced the love and faithfulness of God that leads you to trust Him in all areas of your life, without murmuring or complaining, while you wait for Him to lead and provide?
- ✿ __- Do you find yourself looking to God only when you are in trouble or are in need of something that you want?
- ✿ __+ Having been created and redeemed by God, everything we have and are really belongs to Him (1 Cor. 6:19,20). Can God trust you to seek His wisdom each day so you may learn how to use your time, energy, talents, and resources that you may be a blessing to others?

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Fruit of the Spirit - Gentleness

- __+ When others criticize you, do you seek to understand them in order that you may grow and also that you may learn how to love them?
- __- When others criticize or hurt you, do you criticize or hurt them back? Do you hold onto resentment and try to avoid them?
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Fruit of the Spirit - Self-Control

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- ✿ __+ Do you confess and repent to God and others when you recognize you have strayed from His will or hurt someone in any way?
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“Although nothing but the love of Christ can be an adequate controlling power in the life, it is true that our love for Him is also vital. But Christ’s love for us is ever the dominant factor—“we love him, because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19; cf. John 3:16).”



“Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord *appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.”

So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.”” (Matthew 2:13–15 NAS95)



“The magi had been among the first to welcome the Redeemer. Their gift was the first that was laid at His feet. And through that gift, what privilege of ministry was theirs! The offering from the heart that loves, God delights to honor, giving it highest efficiency in service for Him. If we have given our hearts to Jesus, we also shall bring our gifts to Him. Our gold and silver, our most precious earthly possessions, our highest mental and spiritual endowments, will be freely devoted to Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us.” DA pg. 64



“Discover the Power” Poem by Clinton MeHarry

Discover the power,
The gospel power,
Of Jesus' love for you.
Discover the power,
The dynamite power,
When Jesus lives in you.
There's nothing to fear,
When Jesus is near.
His death has made you free!
There's no need to hide
With Him by your side.
He redeemed you at Calvary.
Discover the power, The healing power,
Of Jesus' love for you.
Discover the power, Transforming power,
When Jesus lives in you.
When helpless you feel,
Before Him you kneel

And surrender your life today;
He'll give your heart
A brand new start,
And transform you day by day.
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Miraculous power,
When Jesus lives in you.
In a world of pain
The mission is plain,
Love others as Jesus loved you.
Discover the power
In this final hour –
What love and truth can do!