

Christmas Reading

It is a striking and suggestive fact, that the Divine Perfection associated by the angels with their Advent Song when announcing the birth of Christ was, the attribute of Peace. They might have placed in the forefront of their proclamation of glad tidings, the Love of God in originating, or the Wisdom of God in planning, or the Power of God in executing the great expedient of saving man by the Incarnation of the Son of God. But no! they bore from heaven to the inhabitants of a sin-tainted world over which the dark waters of the curse fiercely surged, the olive branch of Peace. Their mission was a mission of peace, their commission was to proclaim a divine amnesty— peace from heaven, peace with God, peace between God and man. Listen to their song- how entrancing its strains which broke the silence of that stilly night, and which floated in such melody over the plains of Bethlehem— Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to all whom God favors."

Such is the Divine perfection we invite you to consider— God not only proposing peace with the subjects of a revolted empire, not only devising the scheme by which a peace honorable to Himself and available by man may be received, but revealing Himself divinely and essentially as "the God of peace." Our subject is a great and comprehensive one, fraught with blessed instruction and hope to those who, convinced of their natural enmity against, and revolt from, God, are anxiously and earnestly inquiring how they may return to God, and in what way propitiate His regard and be at peace with Him.

Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ John 1:14-18

Song #164 ~ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 66:1-20

Song #169 ~ The First Noel

Scripture Reading: Psalm 67:1-7

Prayer

Sermon ~ John 1:14; Hebrews 1:1-2

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #119 ~ I Hear the Words of Love

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise Him on the heel.

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Text: John 1:14; Hebrews 1:1-2

Theme: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

- I) God has revealed Himself to individuals and nations prior to the first advent of Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:1).
 - A. God revealed Himself to Adam and Eve in the garden (Gen. 3:8).
 - 1. Adam and Eve were given instruction by God (Gen. 3:3).
 - 2. They could hear God walking in the Garden (Gen. 3:8).
 - B. God revealed Himself to Enoch and Noah.
 - 1. Enoch and Noah walked with God (Gen. 5:24; 6:9).
 - C. God revealed Himself to Abram (Gen. 15:1).
 - 1. Through visions (Gen. 15:1).
 - 2. Through physical appearances (Gen. 17:1; 18:2).
 - D. God revealed Himself to Jacob (Gen. 32:24-30).
 - 1. Through a dream (Gen. 28:12-17).
 - 2. Through a wrestling match (Gen. 32:24-30).
 - E. God revealed Himself to Joseph (Gen. 37:5-11).
 - 1. Through dreams (Gen. 37:5-11).
 - F. God revealed Himself to Moses (Ex. 33:11).
 - 1. Through a burning bush (Ex. 3:4-6. 13-14).
 - 2. God allowed His glory to pass by Moses (Ex. 33:18-23).
 - G. God has revealed Himself to the children of Israel.
 - 1. By the giving of the Law (Ex. 20).
 - 2. By sending them judges, prophets, and priests.
 - H. God has revealed Himself to Babylon.
 - 1. Through dreams (Dan. 3:31-38; 46-47).
 - 2. Through a supernatural event (Dan. 4:28-37).
 - 3. Through the writing on a wall (Dan. 5:5-29).
 - I. God has revealed Himself to the nations.
 - 1. Through Jeremiah bringing a cup of God's wrath (Jer. 25:15-31)
 - J. God has revealed Himself to Ninevah.
 - 1. Through the preaching of Jonah (Jonah 3:1-9).
- II) Now God has revealed Himself through His Son—the pinnacle of revelation. (Heb. 1:2a).
 - A. Jesus Christ is the revelation of God the Father.
 - 1. The words Jesus speaks are the words of the Father (cf. John 12:49; 14:10).
 - 2. Although Jesus and God the Father are distinct persons in the Godhead, they are one in essence (John 10:30-38).
 - B. Jesus Christ did not just make an appearance, He dwelt among men (John 1:14).
 - 1. Jesus Christ set up His residence here on earth and lived among men.
 - 2. Jesus Christ came to save sinners from the wrath of God (Luke 2:11).