

WHEN
God Plans
CHRISTMAS
MESSAGE NOTES

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When God Plans Christmas ... He Elicits Praise!
Luke 2:1-40

1. When God plans Christmas, He elicits Praise for His _____

Luke 2:1-20

Micah 5:2 (NIV)

8 Prophecies Fulfilled in Christ:

- The time of His birth (Daniel 8 & 9)
- He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
- He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14)
- He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12)
- He would be mocked (Psalm 22:7,8)
- He would be crucified (John 3:14)
- He would be pierced (Psalms 22:16)
- He would die with the wicked, but He would be buried with the rich (Isaiah 53:9)

What promise(s) has God kept to you, promises that ignite your praise of Him?

How might you investigate and explore the details of other promises of God this week to confirm what else God can do for you?

2. When God plans Christmas, He elicits Praise with His Fulfillment of the _____

Luke 2:21-24

Genesis 17:3-6, 9-12

Matthew 5:17-18

Romans 8:3-4

Exodus 13:11-15 (NIV)

Leviticus 12:6-8 (NIV)

2 Corinthians 5:21

Romans 5:8-11 (NIV)

In what ways have you obeyed OR failed to obey God's Laws and Commandments? How does this intensity your feelings about needing a rescuer from your sins?

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus kept the law perfectly and willingly gave up his life to redeem yours and mine from Hell?

3. When God plans Christmas, He elicits Praise with the Fullness of _____

Luke 2:25-35

Can you recall the moment when you understood who Jesus was and what he was offering, you humbled yourself before God, and accepted Jesus' offer of forgiveness?

Does that memory prompt you to praise God that he included you?

4. When God plans Christmas, He elicits Praise with His _____

Luke 2:36-40

Consider a world in which there is no war; no fear, no muggings or child abductions, no school shootings; no hate crimes, no poverty, no lack of housing, or rampant diseases.

What excites you most about the Millennial Kingdom?

How does it prompt you to praise God that Jesus is the one who will make it happen?!