

Sovereign Grace Church

“Jesse's Gift” outline

December 9, 2018

This morning we will continue our Advent Series....except that we never really began it! So I will seek to summarize last week's message and then add this one.

Last week was intended to reflect on God's gift of Creation....after all, without a Creation there would be nothing to redeem. This second week will focus on what I am calling, “Jesse's Gift.” Jesse was the father of King David and he will represent all of those Old Testament fore-runners, including all of the Old Covenant sacrifices, feasts and promises which pointed to a coming Redeemer Who would take away the effects of Adam's sin and then RE-Create a Creation even more glorious than the original.

We will look at those Old Covenant signs and shadows of the coming Reality which we now know as Christmas (the First Advent of Christ). Our lesson will be in learning from our Old Covenant brethren how to live in faith and patience as we await the Final Consumation of what Jesus brought into Reality at His First Coming.....the Re-creation of a New Heavens and a New Earth.

1. The Old Testament and the Need for Christmas.

Gen. 3: 15; Psm 51: 3; Lk 18: 13; Rom. 7: 24-25, 8:1; Psm 42:5

- **Sin is no mere academic matter**
- **Our decision**
- **Why does the Bible portray Hell in such graphic terms?**

2. The Old Testament's Sacrificial System as an anticipation of Christmas.

Heb. 10:12f.; Psm 51: 16-17

- **Purposes of the Sacrificial System**
- **Disposition of Faith**

**3. The Old Testament Yearning for the Completion of Christmas.
Lk 2: 29-32,38; Gen. 3:15; Gal. 4: 4-7**

- **Central Theme of Prophecy**

- **Patience and Persevering Faith of believers**

Our Lesson: II Pet. 3:9; Matt. 6: 34; Col. 3:1

- **We need to be Patient**

- **We need to not Worry**

- **We need to Live like we say we Believe**

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

- 1. Why do you think God created this universe? Why do you think He created it knowing that man would fall into sin?**
- 2. What does the Old Testament have to do with New Testament redemption? How do the Old Testament sacrifices fit in with God's plan to redeem? Is the Old Testament system a failed system or a preparatory system? Why do you think so?**
- 3. Do you find it difficult to “wait”? Why? What effect does worry have on you when it is incited by things beyond your control? What IS in our control in these cases?**
- 4. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior and Lord? Would it be possible for someone to discern such by observing your life? How is your life different because you know Jesus than it would be if you did not?**
- 5. Are you intimidated by the world? If so why? If not why not? Do you think you could *sing* while you were being persecuted? Is it possible to *sing* and be *angry* at the same time?**