Series: "THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS"
Part 3: "THE PROMISE OF GOD'S PEACE"
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4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" Matthew 2:4-6 (NIV)

1 Marshal your troops now, city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod.
Micah 5:1 (NIV)

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."
Micah 5:2 (NIV)

The promise of Christmas means....

1. **You have a King who _____ the _____**

   3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. Micah 5:3 (NIV)

   4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.
   Micah 5:4 (NIV)

2. **You have a _____ ready to _____ you**

   4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely.... Micah 5:4a (NIV)

3. **You have _____ available to _____ you**

   5 And he will be our peace....

4. **You have _____ available to _____ you**

How should you respond?

- **_____ to the _____ today!**

  ....for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.
  Micah 5:4b (NIV)

Sermon Notes: