



“The Flight of the King”
Mathew 2:13-23
The Coming of the King

Intro: Recognizing how God has been faithful helps us trust that He will be faithful.

Matthew 2:13-23 – “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 stay there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him.” So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod; *this happened* so that what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: “OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.” Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent *men* and killed all the boys who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH, WEeping AND GREAT MOURNING, RACHEL WEeping FOR HER CHILDREN; AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED, BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE.” But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, “Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned *by God* in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, and came and settled in a city called Nazareth. *This happened* so that what was spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

I. God’s intervention sometimes feels like interference

v. 13 – “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.”

II. Following God doesn’t mean things will always feel good.

vv. 14-15 – “So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod; *this happened* so that what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: “OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.”

The enemy’s mission is hostile (v.16) – “Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent *men* and killed all the boys who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.”

III. God ends hardship with a comma not a period.

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IV. Follow God as much as you know how.

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V. Our background doesn’t dictate our future, God does.

v. 23 – “and came and settled in a city called Nazareth. *This happened* so that what was spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1.) What did you find new, helpful, or confusing about today’s message?
- 2.) What are some ways you’ve seen God’s faithfulness in your own life?
 - 2a.) What are some ways you’ve seen God’s faithfulness in the lives of others?
- 3.) When God intervenes in your life how do you respond?
- 4.) What are some ways you can keep your mind on God in the midst of confusing or difficult times?
- 5.) Do you like to know all the details before acting?
 - 5a.) Is there some area of your life that God wants you to take a step forward?