

I. The Plan of God (v. 18)

- A. God would come to earth as a baby

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.” (Isaiah 9:6)

- B. God would be born to the virgin Mary

“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman.” (Galatians 4:4)

II. The Plan of Joseph (v. 19)

- A. Joseph planned on an ordinary life
B. Joseph planned to end the engagement

III. The Plan of God explained to Joseph (v. 20-23)

- A. You are to take Mary as your wife
B. You are to not be afraid to obey God
C. You are to believe that the baby is from God
D. You are to name the baby boy Jesus
E. You are to know that he will be the Savior

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you: he is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:11)

- F. You are to understand that this fulfills prophecy
G. You are to believe that he will be God with us

IV. The plan of God accepted by Joseph (v. 24-25)

- A. Joseph believed God

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

- B. Joseph obeyed God in everything
C. Joseph experienced a great faith adventure