

# Revival at CHRISTMAS



The Person  
of Revival

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*"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:1-7)*

## INTRODUCTION \_\_\_\_\_

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**Quote:** "Christmas is not about presents but His presence!"

**Quote:** "Revival is not seeking something, it is seeking Someone."

**Quote:** "The outstanding feature of spiritual awakening has been the profound consciousness of the presence and holiness of God."

—Henry Blackaby

## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Revival

A. Seen in a \_\_\_\_\_ Order

MADE BY DECREE

MADE FOR TAXATION

*"Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him? 15 Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing." (Isaiah 40:13, 15)*

**Quote:** "Disappointments are God's appointments."

## **B. Seen in a \_\_\_\_\_ Plan**

*"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law," (Galatians 4:4)*

*"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will." (Proverbs 21:1)*

## **2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Man in Revival**

*"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)" (Luke 2:4)*

**Quote:** "Above all else, we must learn how to bring our wills into submission and obedience to the will of God, on a practical, daily, hour-by-hour basis."—**Jerry Bridges**

### **A. Walk in the \_\_\_\_\_**

*"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." (Galatians 5:16-18)*

**Quote:** "Revival life is actually the normal Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit."

### **B. Walk According to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Quote:** "Discipline toward holiness begins then with the Scriptures—with a disciplined plan for regular intake of the Scriptures and a disciplined plan for applying them to our daily lives."—**Jerry Bridges**

*"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:" (Matthew 1:19-20, 24)*

#### A PROPHESED WORD

*"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." (Micah 5:2)*

*"Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" (John 7:42)*

#### A RELEVANT WORD

**Definition:** *Bethlehem*—house of bread

*"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)*

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Saviour in Revival

#### A. Security in His \_\_\_\_\_

##### THE SON OF MARY

*"Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;" (Romans 1:3)*

##### THE SON OF GOD

*"And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:" (Romans 1:4)*

*"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels,*

*preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." (1 Timothy 3:16)*

**Quote:** "The baby Mary carried was not a Caesar, a man who would become a god, but a far greater wonder – the true God who had become a man!"—**Kent Hughes**

## **B. Security in His** \_\_\_\_\_

### THE LAMB OF GOD

*"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)*

*"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15)*

### THE RESURRECTED SON OF GOD

*"Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie," (John 20:6)*

**Quote:** "The life of our Lord is marked by the virgin's womb, and the empty tomb. He came into the world through a door marked 'No Entrance' and left through one marked, 'No Exit!'"

## **CONCLUSION** \_\_\_\_\_

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*"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36)*

*"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18)*

*"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" (John 1:11-12)*

