

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Sermon Scriptures

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1 Pet. 1:18-20 **18** knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, **19** but with **precious blood, as of a lamb** unblemished and spotless, *the blood of Christ*. **20** For He was **foreknown before the foundation of the world**, but has appeared **in these last times** for the sake of you

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Eph. 1:4 just as He **chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

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Acts 4:12 “And there is **salvation in no one else**; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; **no one comes to the Father but through Me**.”

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Rom. 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? “**ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.**”

Gen. 13:16 “**I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth**, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.

Gen. 15:2-6 **2** **Abram** said, “O Lord GOD, what will You give me, **since I am childless**, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” **3** And Abram said, “Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.”

4 Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This man will not be your heir; **but one who will come forth from your own body**, he shall be your heir.”

5 And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “**So shall your descendants be.**”

6 **Then he believed in the LORD**; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Gen. 22:2 He said, “**Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac**, and go to the land of Moriah, and **offer him there as a burnt offering** on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.”

Gen. 22:7 **Isaac spoke to Abraham his father** and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, **but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?**”

Gen. 22:8 Abraham said, “**God will provide for Himself the lamb** for the burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. **9** ¶ Then they came to the

place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and **bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar**, on top of the wood.

10 Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. **11** But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” **12** He said, “Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; **for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.**”

2 Sam. 7:8 “Now therefore, thus you shall say **to My servant David**, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be **ruler over My people Israel.**”

2 Sam. 7:12, 13 **12** “When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and **I will establish his kingdom.** **13** “He shall build a house for My name, and **I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.** **16** “Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; **your throne shall be established forever.**””

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Isa. 7:14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, **a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.**

Isa. 9:6 For **a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;** And the **government** will rest on His shoulders; And **His name** will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**

Isa. 53:1, 5, 6, 10, 11 **1** ¶ **Who has believed our message?** And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? **5** But **He was pierced through** for our transgressions, He was **crushed for our iniquities**; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. **6** All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; **But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.** **10** ¶ But the LORD was pleased **To crush Him**, putting *Him* to grief; If He would render Himself *as a guilt offering*, He will see *His* offspring, He will prolong *His* days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. **11** As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see *it and* be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, **My Servant, will justify the many,** As He **will bear their iniquities.**

Gal. 4:4 But when **the fullness of the time came**, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,
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Luke 1:5-7 **5** ¶ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named **Zacharias**, of the division of Abijah; and he had a **wife** from the daughters of Aaron, and

her name was Elizabeth. **6** They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. **7** But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.

Luke 1:11-20 **11** And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. **12** Zacharias was troubled when he saw *the angel*, and fear gripped him. **13** But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and **your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.** **14** “You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. **15** “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother’s womb. **16** “And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. **17** “It is he who will go *as a forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” **18** ¶ Zacharias said to the angel, “How will I know this *for certain*? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years.” **19** The angel answered and said to him, “**I am Gabriel**, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you **this good news.** **20** “And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, **because you did not believe** my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.”

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Luke 1:26 -38 **26** ¶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, **27** to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. **28** And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, favored one! **The Lord is with you.**” **29** But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. **30** The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. **31** “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and **you shall name Him Jesus.** **32** “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him **the throne of His father David;** **33** and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.” **34** Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” **35** The angel answered and said to her, “**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.** **36** “And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. **37** “For **nothing will be impossible with God.**” **38** And Mary said, “Behold, the bonds slave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” **And the angel departed from her.**

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Matt. 1:18-25 **18** ¶ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together **she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.** **19** And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not

wanting to disgrace her, **planned to send her away secretly.** **20** But when he had considered this, **behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream,** saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; **for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.** **21** “She will bear a Son; and you shall **call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”** **22** Now all this took place **to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:** **23** “**BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,**” **which translated means, “GOD WITH US.”** **24** And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and **took Mary as his wife,** **25** **but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son;** and he called **His name Jesus.**

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Luke 2:6-20 **6** While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. **Luke 2:7** And **she gave birth to her firstborn son;** and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was **no room for them in the inn.** **8 ¶** In the same region there were *some* **shepherds staying out in the fields** and keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And **an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them,** and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. **10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, **I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;** **11** for today in the city of David there **has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.** **12** “This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” **13** And suddenly there appeared with the angel **a multitude of the heavenly host praising God** and saying, **Luke 2:14** “**Glory to God in the highest,** And on earth **peace among men** with whom He is pleased.” **15 ¶** When the **angels had gone away from them into heaven,** the shepherds *began* saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” **16** So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. **17** When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. **18** And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. **19** But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. **20** The **shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God** for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

Matt. 2:1-12 **1 ¶** Now after **Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea** in the days of Herod the king, **magi from the east arrived** in Jerusalem, saying, **2** “Where is **He who has been born King of the Jews?** For we saw His star in the east and **have come to worship Him.”** **3** When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matt. 2:4 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them **where the Messiah was to be born.** **5** They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for **this is what has been written by the prophet:** **6** ‘**AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH,** ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF

JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.” **7** ¶ Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “**Go and search carefully for the Child**; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, **so that I too may come and worship Him.**”

9 After hearing the king, they went their way; and **the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them** until it came and **stood over *the place*** where the Child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. **11** After coming into the house **they saw the Child** with Mary His mother; and **they fell to the ground and worshiped Him**. Then, opening their treasures, they **presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh**. **12** And having been **warned by God in a dream** not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

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Luke 2:21-33 **21** ¶ And when **eight days had passed, before His circumcision**, His name was *then* **called Jesus**, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. **22** ¶ And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, **they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord** **23** (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “EVERY *firstborn* MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD”), **24** and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, “A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS.” **25** ¶ And there was a man in Jerusalem whose **name was Simeon**; and this man **was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him**. **26** And it had been **revealed to him by the Holy Spirit** that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. **27** And **he came in the Spirit into the temple**; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, **28** then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, **29** “Now Lord, **You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word;** **30** For my eyes have **seen Your salvation,** **31** Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **32** **A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES,** And the glory of Your people Israel.” **33** ¶ And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.

Luke 2:36 ¶ And there was a **prophetess, Anna** the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was **advanced in years** and had lived with *her* husband seven years after her marriage,

37 and then **as a widow to the age of eighty-four**. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.

38 At that very moment **she came up and *began* giving thanks to God**, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.