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 Title : “God Knows ...”
 Text : Matthew 1:18- 2:16

Introduction

Very often, that which we perceive is not what the situation actually is

- Job’s suffering was not a result of random unrestrained evil but a journey into deeper faith (Job 1:20-22, Job 3:1-12, Job 42:1-5)
- Joseph’s descent from pit and then into was not because of victimization but a positioning for blessing (Genesis 37-50 c.f. Genesis 45:7, 50:20)
- Jabez’ pain was not to cause misery but an impetus to reach out to God and see the reward of prayer (1 Chronicles 4:9-10)
- Jesus’ crucifixion was not defeat at the hands of His enemies but the accomplishing of the victory of death, sin and disease (1 Corinthians 1:17-18, Philippians 2:7-11)

The First Christmas was a time of uncertainty

- A time of family turmoil – an unwed mother
- A time of shattered dreams – a man who hoped for a noble marriage and godly service
- A time when the “innocent” suffered far from “Peace on earth goodwill to men

The First Christmas was a time for expression of faith

- Remember God’s Promises
 - Gabriel - “The Lord is with you” (c.f. Hebrews 10:23, 2 Peter 3:9)
- Remember God’s Care
 - Dream given to Joseph (c.f. 1 Peter 5:7)
- Remember God’s Purpose
 - God’s will and plan is to save (Matthew 1:21,23 c.f. Philippians 2:13)

Conclusion

Like the Magi

- Seek Him actively
- Anticipate a blessing
- Worship