

## Study of Matthew Matthew 2:13 – 15

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**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** How do you keep yourself in position to hear warnings from God?

Being in position to hear God is very important. Too many think they can live like they want, do what they want, say what they want, and God will still give them HIS divine plan. Did not happen in Noah's Day

Matthew 24:38-39 *"For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and **they did not** (know, KJV) **understand** until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be."* [NASU]

Isaiah 47:8-11 *"Now therefore hear this, you lover of pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, "I am, and there is no one besides me; I shall not sit as a widow or know the loss of children": 9 These two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day; the loss of children and widowhood shall come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and the great power of your enchantments. 10 You felt secure in your wickedness, you said, "No one sees me"; your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart, "I am, and there is no one besides me." 11 But evil shall come upon you, which you will not know how to charm away; disaster shall fall upon you, for which you will not be able to atone; and **ruin shall come upon you suddenly, of which you know nothing.**"* [ESV]

**TODAY:** Matthew 2:13 – 15

### 1. Prepared for Divine Warning (vs. 13)

Christ is the central figure of all the Bible, but the Holy Spirit emphasizes how God works with humanity in the story. Joseph, though very little is known of him, is a major part of this portion of the story. Joseph has another dream. But keep in mind that the Wise Men come to a house to see a young child, not to a stable to see a babe. That means that Joseph has been faithful to watching over his family for almost two years in a town that didn't have room for him when his wife was in labor. Committed in obscurity!

### 2. Proceeding in Obedience (vs. 13)

Angel tells Joseph to *"Flee into Egypt"*

- That is to seek safety by flight; to escape safe out of danger; Equivalent to vanish

I can only imagine for a Jew what this must have sounded like. Leave the place of promise...promise to Abraham and his descendants and go to the very place I delivered your ancestors from. But he is obedient (vs. 14)

His obedience includes:

- Danger: he leaves during the night, a time more dangerous.
- Difficulty: more difficult to travel at night & he takes the young child and his mother.
- Departing: Herod is seeking to destroy the child so to prevent being detected they depart from what they know.

The word departed in the text implies to withdraw; of those who through fear seek some other place or shun sight; going without noise, notice or by stealth

There is sometimes great pain in obeying God because the enemy does not want you obeying God.

### 3. God's Plans Attacked (vs. 13)

*"for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."*

We live in a time where we need divine warnings for there are those in the world that want to destroy our children. They want to abort our children, abuse our children and through tyrannical actions reprogram them.

Like Joseph we must be alert to see that it is God's plans that they are attacking! Vigilance, watchfulness required! It is God's ideas that they want to bring down.

### 4. Pressing Forward

vs. 15a *"And was there until the death of Herod..."*

This morning as we look at the text in Matthew 2, our theme for January Consecration comes roaring back to me. Press Forward! If anyone had to just keep pressing forward it was the earthly parents of Jesus. Nothing is normative about the birth of Christ. There is the supernatural bursting into the natural and creating huge challenges.

We don't know how long they were in Egypt...3 to 7 years.

### 5. Prophecy

vs. 15b *"that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son"*

This is a prophecy that is found in Hosea 11:1 that God would call HIS Son out of Egypt.

There is also the parallel of Moses...for it is Moses that said God would raise up a prophet like him (Deuteronomy 18:15)

There is also parallel in Children of Israel coming out of Egypt... this time out of spiritual bondage. This is a greater work of deliverance! A New Exodus