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Godliness

2 Peter 1:6

Announcements:

Wednesday Jan 11 No Wednesday Night class for now.
Saturday Jan 14 Men's Breakfast @ Olde Orchard @ 0800.
Sunday Jan 15 Nominations for Deacon closes.
Sunday Jan 22 Deacons' Meeting.
Sunday Feb 12 Annual Business Meeting. First Session

- ** If you wish to join TBC as a voting member, there are membership forms on the back table. Please fill one out and give to a deacon. Please welcome Cindy LeRoy to the group.
- ** Deacon nomination forms are on the back table. You must be a member to nominate someone and they need to have been a member for at least one year. Terms are 3 years.
- ** The Missions Fund is a separate account for offerings designated for missions. If you wish to designate all or part of your gift for mission work, please mark it on the check or make the check out to TBC Missions.
- ** Any questions you may have about any of the teaching or theology presented at TBC please drop Drue an email to set up a time to visit about them. Freeman405@aol.com
- ** Please continue to pray for Drue as he continues to work on a project to edit his personal notes on each book of the New Testament.

	December	Total 2022	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions 2022
Income	\$ 15,067.00	\$ 83,954.58		\$ 19,072.04	\$ 7,090.00
Expenses	6,702.44	85,098.24		Missions Bal	7,500.00
Balance	\$ 8,364.56	\$ (1,143.66)	\$20,414.28	\$ 4,524.95	\$ (410.00)

The Birth of the Messiah!

Godliness:

C.T./L.T. 2 Pet 1:5-6 = Now for this very reason also, having added all diligence, in your faith abundantly supply the virtue, and in the virtue, the knowledge, and in the knowledge, the self-control, and in the self-control, the perseverance, and in the perseverance, the godliness;

3. In the sphere of The Faith, The Virtue, The Knowledge, The Self-Control, and The Perseverance we should add The Godliness.
 - L. Part of why we are to pray for leaders is so we can _____ a godly life. 1 Tim 2:1-4
 - M. Godliness has no power of its own, but instead has _____ to the power of God. Acts 3:12
 - N. Man in the last days will fall for the Satanic _____ of godliness. 2 Tim 3:1-5
 - O. God _____ godly people. Acts 10:1-2, 3-8

2 Pet 1:7 = Becoming A Partaker-Parts 6-7

C.T./L.T. = and in the godliness, the brotherly love, and in the brotherly love, the love.

Summary:

1. In the sphere of The Faith, The Virtue, The Knowledge, The Self-Control, The Perseverance and The Godliness, we should add The _____ Love.
2. Brotherly Love is a _____ type of love, so there is inherently a relational closeness. Jas 2:23
3. "The" Brotherly Love is that which was _____ by the Father and Son. John 5:20
4. We can have this Brotherly Love because of our _____ birth as Children of God. 1 Pet 1:22-23
5. Brotherly Love seeks to be _____ to the image of Jesus Christ and have a true and real brotherly love toward others. Rom 12:9-10
6. So Brotherly Love is first an issue of _____ with God.
 - A. Not the _____. James 4:4
 - B. Not the desire for _____. Matt 6:5
 - C. Not places of _____. Matt 23:5-6
 - D. Not _____. Matt 10:37
 - E. Not even our own _____. John 12:25
7. Brotherly Love is a characteristic of a _____ church. 1Thes 4:9-10
8. Brotherly Love requires _____ of soul. 1 Pet 3:8-9
9. Brotherly Love is expressed through different _____ in life. Heb 13:1-5

Luke 2:21-39 Simeon and Anna

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Principle: Pay Attention To God's Timing. 1 Chr 12:32

Luke 2:21-24 = The Background

And when eight days were completed 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 first-born 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."

Simeon Luke 2:25-35

Luke 2:25 = Simeon's Qualifications

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous (**DIKAIOS = lived what was given to him**) and devout (**EULAB8S = "taking hold well" [EU, "well," LAMBANO, "to take hold"], "careful as to the realization of the presence and claims of God, reverencing God, pious, devout"**), looking for the consolation (**PARAKL8SIS = comfort, encouragement**) of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him (**This was the common description of the ministry of the Holy Spirit to Age of Israel believers**).

Simeon's Three Qualifications:

1. **Had Life and lived what was given to him.**
2. **Had a true Relationship with the Living God.**
3. **Had the Holy Spirit.**

Eight Principles of Life from Simeon:

Luke 2:26 = The Revelation to Simeon–The Promise

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.

Summary:

1. **This was a personal ministry of the Holy Spirit to this individual.**
2. **Our response should be the same for the promises God gives to us.**

Principle #1: Have FAITH in the promises of God.

Luke 2:27 = The Leading of Simeon–The Practice

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,

Principle #2: FOLLOW the Holy Spirit's lead.

Luke 2:28 = The Fulfillment to Simeon–The Presentation

then he took Him into his arms, and blessed (EULOGEW) God, and said,

Principle #3: FILL your life with Jesus the Messiah.

Luke 2:29 = Simeon's Joy–God's Fulfilled Word

"Now Lord, Thou dost let Thy bond-servant depart in peace, according to Thy word;

Principle #4: FULFILL your calling.

Luke 2:30 = Simeon's Personal Blessing

For my eyes have seen Thy salvation,

Principle #5: FIX your eyes upon Jesus.

Luke 2:31 = Simeon's Awe

Which Thou hast prepared (HETOIMADZW = to prepare) in the presence of all peoples,

Principle #6: FEAST on what God has prepared. Cf 2 Tim 2:21

Luke 2:32 = Simeon's Scope of Understanding

A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel."

Principle #7: FOCUS on the Light.

Luke 2:33 = Not All Had this Understanding

And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.

Principle #8: FIGHT unbelief.

Luke 2:34-35 = Simeon's Blessing and Prophecy

And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed--35 and a sword will pierce even your own soul -- to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

To Mary: Your son will be an issue to Israel. (fall and rise of many)

- 1. Your Son will be attacked, so prepare for it.**
- 2. Your Son will undergo incredible pain - and you will watch.**
- 3. Your Son will be the standard of Truth. Cf John 14:6**

Principle: We need people to REMIND us.

Anna The Prophetess Luke 2:36-38

Luke 2:36 = Anna The Prophetess

And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with a husband seven years after her marriage,

Principle #1: SAVOR your gift within your circumstances.

Luke 2:37 = Anna The Servant

and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. And she never left the temple, serving (**LATREUW = to serve as a priest-unusual word use in Age of Israel-she had the attitude without the ceremony**) night and day with fastings and prayers.

Principle #2: SERVE as a priest to God.

Luke 2:38 = Anna The Proclaimer

And 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 (**LUTRWSIS = to release because a ransom has been paid**) of Jerusalem.

Principle #3: SAY thanks to God and tell others of your Redeemer.

Summary:

1. Are we a humble voice for God?
2. Do we pay attention to God's voice?
3. Do we listen to Satan's voice?
4. Are we humbled by our position?
5. Do we hear Jesus' call to be a disciple?

Matt 2:1-12 Gifts for a King

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Matt 2:1-2 = Arrival of the Magi

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east (**They are probably from Persia and are Gentiles. Although it does not say there were three of them, it is assumed based on the number of gifts given.**) arrived in Jerusalem (**Headquarters for the Jewish Nation**), saying, 2 "Where is He who has been born (**he is already**

born when they arrive) King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east, and have come to worship Him."

Comment: This strongly implies that they knew that the "King of the Jews" would be the Savior of all and thus worthy of worship.

Matt 2:3 = Herod Is Shaken by the Question

And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matt 2:4 = A Political Investigation

And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he began to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born.

Matt 2:5 = The Jews Knew the Prophecy

And they (**Chief Priests and scribes**) said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet,

Matt 2:6 = They Quote The Prophecy (Micah 5:2)

'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.' "

Matt 2:7 = Herod's Secrecy

Then Herod secretly called the magi, and ascertained from them the time the star appeared.

Matt 2:8 = Herod's Plan

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and make careful search for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, that I too may come and worship Him."

Matt 2:9 = Guidance for the Magi

And having heard the king, they went their way; and lo, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them, until it came and stood over where the Child was.

Matt 2:10 = They Knew

And when they saw the star (**stopped**), they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Matt 2:11 = Gentiles Worship the King of the Jews

And they came into the house and saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Summary:

- 1. We have seen in the Scriptures that gold is a reference to Deity, so the Magi were recognizing the Source of this child. (His Source)**
- 2. Frankincense is one of the ingredients found in the mixture used for the Altar of Incense, signifying prayer. This child is the real High Priest who is worthy to receive our prayers. Exo 30:34 (His Service)**
- 3. Myrrh is one of the ingredients used in embalming, which signified that this child would die. John 19:39 (His Sacrifice)**
- 4. The gifts implied that they knew quite a bit about this special child.**

Matt 2:12 = Divine Guidance for the Magi

And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, they **(the Magi)** departed for their own country by another way.

Summary:

1. **What we know about “The Star” from this paragraph.**
 - A. It was a sign of the birth of Messiah.
 - B. King Herod did not know about it.
 - C. It had to do with Israel.
 - D. It had to do with the known arrival of a King of Israel.
 - E. The Magi knew who they were looking for, “The King of the Jews.”
 - F. It came from the east.
 - G. It “stopped” over Bethlehem, 5 miles south of Jerusalem.
 - H. It did not follow the normal characteristics of a star, asteroid or comet.
 - I. Some believe it was a conjunction between Jupiter, Saturn and Mars, but planets don’t move in this fashion.
2. It is reasonable to look for another explanation that is more spiritual than physical.
3. For more explanation see the discussion on the Star of Bethlehem at bible.org.¹
4. A possible solution that does not violate Scripture nor the laws of physics as we know them.
 - A. It was prophesied by Balaam that “A star shall come forth from Jacob.” This “star” has been recognized as Messiah for Millennia. Num 24:15-19
 - B. Satan was once known as a “star” but fell from that position. Isa 14:12-15
 - C. Angelic beings are frequently referred to as “stars.” Exo 32:13; Deut 1:10; 4:19; 10:22; 28:62; 1 Chr 27:23; Neh 9:23; Job 25:5; 38:7
 - D. As Christians we should seek the “morning star arising in our hearts,” by being properly oriented to prophecy. 2 Pet 1:19-21
 - E. The “Morning Star” is none other than Jesus, Himself. Rev 22:16
 - F. Therefore, the “Star of Bethlehem” could very well be the “SHEKINAH GLORY” or the Lord Himself, like He led the Jews in the desert for 40 years.

Matt 2:13-23 The Escape to Egypt

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¹ <https://bible.org/article/star-bethlehem>

Matt 2:13 = Divine Guidance for Joseph

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise and take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

Matt 2:14 = Joseph's Obedience

And he arose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed for Egypt;

Matt 2:15 = Another Prophecy Fulfilled

and was there until the death of Herod, that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Out of Egypt did I call My Son." (**Exo 4:22-23 cf Hos 11:1**)

Matt 2:16 = Herod's Vicious Anger

Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its environs, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the magi.

Matt 2:17 = Another Prophecy Fulfilled

Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,

Matt 2:18 = The Content (Jer 31:15)

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
Weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children;
And she refused to be comforted,
Because they were no more."

Matt 2:19 = More Divine Guidance

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

Matt 2:20 = Specifics

"Arise and take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead."

Matt 2:21 = Obedience—Again

And he arose and took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

Matt 2:22 = More Instructions and Wisdom

But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he departed for the regions of Galilee,

Matt 2:23 = And Still More Prophecy (Isa 9:6; 11:1)

and came and resided in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene (**A consecrated one; no prophecy calls Him a "Nazarene" but many say that He is consecrated and set apart. Isa 9:6; 11:1-2 and the term Messiah itself, means "anointed" or "consecrated" one." He is called "Jesus the Nazarene" thirteen times in the New Testament.**)"

Luke 2:41-52 A Missing Child

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 - 10). **A Missing Child. Luke 2:41-52**

And His parents used to go to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; 43 and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. And His parents were unaware of it, 44 but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 And when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for Him. 46 And it came about that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. 48 And when they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You." 49 And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?" 50 And they did not understand the statement which He had made to them. 51 And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Comment: His humanity was not only wise and strong but good and gracious with integrity.