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Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

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SERENITY IN SUBMISSION TO GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

Luke 2:1-7

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I. God is Sovereign: (2:1-7)

A. Sovereign over the world's most powerful leader. (1)

B. Sovereign over the world stage. (3)

C. Sovereign over the lives of individuals. (4-7)

II. Jesus Christ is Submissive.

(Hebrews 10:5-7)

⁵ Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;

⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written
about me in the scroll—

I have come to do your will, O God.’ ”

III. Are we satisfied or too busy to notice the serenity of God's sovereignty? (6-7)

A. “Time came for the baby to be born” (6)

(‘days were fulfilled’ YLT) = *satisfied*

B. Are we satisfied (fulfilled or content) with who God is and what He is doing? *That is Serenity!*

C. Serenity is not the product of external circumstances ...
but the product of God's work within us.

Prelude
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Welcome and Announcements
The Call to Worship
*Hymn No. 125 *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing.
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns. Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding
joy. Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations
prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love.
And wonders of His love, and wonders, and wonders of His love.

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Scripture Reading Hebrews 10:5-7 (Psalm 40:6-8)

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Luke 2:1-7

God is Sovereign

*Hymn No. 452 *Make Me A Blessing*

Verse 1

Out in the highways and byways of life
Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
making the sorrowing glad.

Chorus:

Make me a blessing, make me a blessing!
Out of my life may Jesus shine.
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray.
Make me a blessing to someone today.

Verse 2

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love.
Tell of His pow'r to forgive;
Others will trust Him if only you prove
True every moment you live.

Chorus:

Verse 3

Give as 'twas given to you in your need.
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed; unto your mission be true.

Chorus:

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

Sermon continued

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 497 Near to the Heart of God (1, 2)

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
*O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before Thee near to the heart of God.*

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.
*O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before Thee near to the heart of God.*

Sermon Applied

Enjoy the Serenity of God's Sovereignty

Song of Response

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction Near to the Heart of God (3)

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.
*O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before Thee near to the heart of God.*

*Postlude