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SAFETY IN THE MIDST OF EVIL

Matthew 2:13-18

I. Christ's life retraced the footprints of humanity.

Biblical History

Jesus

Creation

Birth

Egypt - safety

Egypt - safety

Growth of Nation

Growth of Christ

Wilderness - 40y

Desert - 40d

Constant Rebellion

Constant Obedience

Prophet/Priest/King

Prophet/Priest/King

Purpose - Bless all

Fulfilment - All are blessed

II. Out of Egypt I called my son. (Matthew 2:13-15, Hosea 11:1)

A. **S**ecurity - (protected)

B. **A**dversity - (endurance)

C. **F**lower - (growth)

D. **E**nding - (temporary)

III. Weeping and mourning ... refusing to be comforted. (Matthew 2:16-18, Jeremiah 31:15)

A. **E**ndangered - (hopelessness)

B. **V**iolence - (destructive)

C. **I**nsecurity - (defeat)

D. **L**oss - (eternal)

IV. Application: God always provides His safety in the midst of this evil world.

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The Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-4

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.
²Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.
³Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
⁴Look to the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.

*Hymn No. 131 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the
earth; ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek
the great desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

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¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,

because they are no more."

The Anthem
*Doxology

Sermon Continued

Out of Egypt

*Hymn No. 144 *How Great Our Joy!*

While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

There shall be born so He did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today.
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

There shall the Child lie in a stall,
This Child who shall redeem us all.
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

This gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

Offering of Thanks and Praise

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Hymn No. 141 O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 4

O Holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

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How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still The dear Christ enters in.

*Postlude