The Man Who Had Nothing to Say
Matthew 1:18-21

Introduction:

A. Joseph is largely overlooked in the Christmas story.
B. He serves as a stage prop. Remember he lead the donkey.
C. He stays in the background.
D. There is not one recorded word spoken by Joseph in the Bible.
E. Actions always speak louder than words.
F. Joseph was an ordinary man whose life was marked with humility.

I. He Possessed a Godly Character.

A. His father’s name was Jacob. Vs. 16
B. He was a craftsman, a construction worker. Matt 23:16
C. He was a righteous man. Vs. 19
D. He was a kind man. vs. 19
E. He was a living man, vs. 19

II. He Faced a Grievous Conflict.

A. Mary, his betrothed, was with child.
B. Today the story of a young girl with child out of wedlock is not uncommon.
C. Joseph knew that he was not the baby's father.
E. Joseph love for her said: “No”.

III. He Reached A Biblical Solution.

A. The message came from a messenger of God.
B. The message from God said Love her, marry her.”
C. The message was directed to Joseph by name, emphasizing the lineage of David.
D. The messenger told Joseph to name his son Jesus.
E. The name Jesus emphasizes:
   1. The common Jewish name was Jesus=Joshua=Jehovah will save.
   2. The prophetic was Immanuel vs. 23 = God with us.

IV. He Obeyed God’s Instruction.

A. Joseph took Mary as his wife.
B. He cared for her every need.
C. He was not concerned by others might say.
D. When the child was born he was named Jesus.
E. Jesus alone can save people from their sins.

Conclusion:

A. Gods holiest saints are often very sorely tried.
HOW MAY WE SHOW OUR THANKSGIVING TO OTHERS FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US:
Hebrews 13:10-16

Introduction: Seeing the fulfillment of the types and shadows in the Old Testament by our Lord Jesus Christ we today should be thankful that we don’t have to do the things that Israel did in order to show their thanks to God for his unspeakable gift.

I. We have an altar whereof they have no right to eat which serve Tabernacles;
   A. We should by the fruit of our lips give thanks to His name ---for salvation. Acts 4:12
   B. The psalmist David did it. Psalm 116:12,17,18
   C. The Thessalonian Church was admonished to give thanks in everything---Thess. 5:18

II. We should be more than thankful for the liberty that we have... Yea we should be humbly proud of our liberty; Not only do we have national liberty to believe and preach Christ and Him crucified... but we have liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free  Gal. 5:1

III. Then being at liberty let us go forth unto Him without the camp bearing His reproach; Being thankful that we are counted worthy to bear reproach for Christ sake;

IV. verse 15... In this thanksgiving we will offer our sacrifice of praise to God continually; Not just at the harvest season but praising Him with our voices... with our strength... with our mental abilities...with our devotion... with our actions; continually:

V. If we are as thankful as we ought to be we will do what verse 16, teaches. But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased;

Unknown

Paul’s Prayer of Thanksgiving
Colossians 1: 1-14

Introduction:
   A. Good news from Colossae was delivered by Paul at Rome.
   B. Following the example of Jesus Paul found occasion to always be thankful God’s blessing.
   C. Paul prays that these brethren might be blessed by God.
   D. Lets us note:

I. Paul Thanked God for the Colossian Believers. Vs. 3ff.
   A. These believers possessed the Gospel in their hearts.
   B. These believers had a genuine faith in Jesus.
   C. These believers had a genuine love for the brethren.
   D. These believers possessed the hope of eternal life.
   E. These believers were growing toward spiritual maturity.

II. Paul Thanked God for His Completed Work.
   A. He has redeemed us through his blood. Vs. 14
   B. He has forgiven our confessed sins. Vs. 14
C. He has rescued us from the power of sin.
D. He has provided for us an eternal inheritance.
E. He has placed us into his kingdom. Vs. 13

III. Paul Thanked God for His Continuing Work.

A. He will fill us with the knowledge of his will.
   Vs. 9
B. He will help us walk in fellowship with Him.
C. He will make our faithful service fruitful.
D. He fills us with his strength.
E. He is preparing an eternal home for us.

Conclusion:
A. Being thankful to God fills our hearts with joy.
B. It is a joy that extends to everyone around us.
C. If we are not filled with this godly joy, what has gone wrong?
D. Let us consider carefully the focus of our lives.

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The Macedonia Call to Tennessee

The Tennessee State Association of Missionary Baptist was started 1982. Eleven churches form the Association. In 1983 there were (13) churches in the Association, in 1984 there were (14) churches, in 1985 (15) churches, l989 (17) churches, in 1991 (18) churches, in 1992 (15). There we (29) at one time in Tennessee. Today there are (11) churches in the Association. This shows the decline of Missionary Baptist Churches in Tennessee.

Some of the churches have closed the doors and some do not fellowship any more. There are major cities where there is a need for a Missionary Baptist Church. I know about (18) churches that have closed their doors.

Will you pray about coming to Tennessee and starting Missionary Baptist Churches?

Toby W Cribbs
Publicity Director Tennessee Missionary Committee

FAYETTEVILLE, NC

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessings from the small and determine group of individuals in Fayetteville, NC. God continues to bless this effort to establish an ABA New Testament Mission in the Greater Fayetteville area.

We held our 4th service September 29, 2013 and had 16 individuals in attendance. It was a wonderful service! Chaplain Terry Romine brought the message of God's wonderful word. Our newly acquired American Baptist Hymnals where a great additional benefit.

We are continually thankful for the Eastern Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, for extending the Arm of the Church, to allow us to hold Church services here in Fayetteville, NC.

We are still seeking a full Sponsorship and a Missionary to take this work to the next level. We are simply requesting ABA New Testament Churches pray about our request and need in carrying out the Great Commission. We are still witnessing God's continued blessings. Praise the Lord!

With the permission of Eastern Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, we have accomplished several more important steps in the progress to establish and ABA affiliated New Testament Church in Fayetteville, NC.

1. We requested and received an Employer's Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS which is a requirement to open a banking account.
2. The above also required us to register our work with a name with the Cumberland County Register of Deeds. We
selected the name, First Heritage Baptist Church following reasons:
    a. Heritage - the status, conditions, or character acquired by being born into a particular family, e.g., God's Family
    b. Birthright - we are all adopted into the Family of God,
    c. Legacy - something which is handed down or remains from a previous generation, e.g., truth
    d. Duty - responsibility, assignment, burden, business, calling, charge, moral obligation, accountability, allegiance which may be referenced in Matthew 28:18.

On a side note, we are grateful for Sister Mary Evelyn Tipton of Brickley, AR. For her research in assisting with naming the work in Fayetteville, NC.

3. We established a bank account with the Capital Bank. The bank waived all fees associated with the account and provided our first 300 checks at no charge.

4. We will start holding our Sunday Services at the Holiday Inn Business and Convention Center. We have a conference room which will hold 50 individuals. We have the room from 8 am to 2 pm for $100.00 per Sunday. We have rented the conference room for the next five Sundays starting with October 6. The conference room must be paid for in advance and there are no refunds. We will continue to rent this location as funds are available as our primary location for Sunday Services.

5. We also rented a PO Box and our address is P.O. Box 9204, Fayetteville, NC. 28311-904

We are still holding Bible Studies in our home on Wednesday nights. This is enjoyed by all who attend. We are considering moving our Bible Studies to Sunday and hold them at the rented conference room in lieu of Sunday School classes.

We continue to ask all our brothers and sisters in Christ for your prayer support, especially, for full sponsorship and a missionary. Our need is great. We require Church Sponsorship first and foremost, a Missionary, and financial support to assist with the work in Fayetteville.

Should you require additional information pertaining to the work in Fayetteville, NC. Please contact us through the contact information provided below. The need for a strong ABA affiliated New Testament Church in our area is great.

We have heard of a new family moving to our area from one of our sister Church's in Virginia and we are looking forward to meeting them and Praise God for leading them our way.

We know God is able and His promises are true. We thank you in advance for your prayers! Please feel free to contact us, our Church, Chaplain Romine, or Brother Webb. Again, if you should find yourself in the Fayetteville, NC area, please give us a call. We would consider it a great honor to have fellow Christians in our home.

We are trying to get our word out and the need we have for Church Sponsorship, a Missionary and financial support. The Eastern Landmark MBC in rock Hill SC where my husband and I are members has extended an arm of the church to allow us to meet in our home in an effort to get a mission started here in Fayetteville, NC. Rock Hill South Carolina is the closest Church to us here. They are approximately 165 miles away from us. The only Church in NC is located in Swannanoa NC which is about 265 miles away.

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Thankful

We have so much to be thankful for
Where do we begin?
Thanking God, as we should
First, for forgiveness of our sins.

Then thanking Him for his compassion
As He gave His Son on Calvary's tree
Thanking Jesus for His submission
Dying to set fallen man free.

And for our spouse that He sent us,
Thank you God for sending him
And our many years of happiness,
My heart is full to the brim.

And for our blessed children,
Thank you God, they are a joy.
Grandchildren and great grandchildren,
What man could ask for more.

Dovie Brown Pasadena, TX

God's Gift to us
Matthew 2:1-11  Text: John 3:16

I.  A Promised Gift
(Expectant Children - get what promised)
A.  Isa 9:6 "Wonderful, Counselor, Prince of Peace." Not an afterthought. - Who will go - send me.
B.  Written by prophet vs. 5 (Micah 5:2) Manifest last days (1 Peter 1:10-20)

II. Universal Gift: "Be to all people" (Luke 2:10) No one left out

A.  "Ho all ends earth" (Isa. 45:22)
(Romans 1:16) Jews then Gentiles - all races not Jews.
B.  No one left out - No respect of persons (Romans 2:11) "Who so ever believe receive remission v. 47

III.  Third - satisfying gift- Phil 4:7
Well-dressed successful man - unhappy in life. Mirages in Dessert
A.  Jesus invitation "Come unto me--"
(Matt. 11:28) Drink this fountain never, thirst (John 4)
B.  There all the time - restore joy of salvation. Draw nigh to Him --
(James 4:8) Parties and glamour of Season empty without Him.

IV.  Fourth - Unspeakable gift (II Cor. 9:15)
Tried many times exalt him - vocabulary failed.
A.  Fathom his matchless life
B.  Awful price - Jewel of universe
C.  Save lost sinners like us (Luke 19:10)
D.  Eternal gift - forever - John 10:28

V.  Finally - must be accepted: This is your part
A.  Counted the blood of the covenant, as unholy (Hebrew 10:29)
Give in exchange (Mk 8:37)
B.  Many as received ( John 1:11-12)

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"A Declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us..." Luke 1:1

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS
Matthew 1:23

The meaning of the term, "Virgin Birth."

I.  THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS TRUTH
The doctrine is of utmost importance, because upon it hinges the following:
A. The faithfulness of God's promises.
B. The fulfillment of the Scriptures.
   1. In promise.
   2. In type and shadow.
C. The Deity of Jesus Christ.
D. The salvation of mankind, for if Jesus were not virgin-born, we have no savior.

II. ENEMIES OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH.
A. Satan, who sought to destroy the faith-line.
B. Atheists, who reject the doctrine outright.
C. Modernists, who minimize its importance and who deny its truthfulness.

III. THE NEED FOR THE VIRGIN BIRTH.
A. God's justice, and His wrath upon sin.
B. The sinfulness of mankind.
C. The fact of biological descent, that life is from the father, not the mother.

IV. THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH.
A. The principle that "like begets like," see Gen. 1:11, 21, 24
B. Man is made in God's image, Gen. 1:26, 27
C. Jesus, God's Son, made after flesh, Rom. 8:3

V. THE PROMISE AND ITS FULFILLMENT.
A. In the dawn of human history, Gen. 3:15
B. In Levitical type, Lev. 25
C. In the Prophets, Isa. 7:14
D. In "the fullness of time," Gal. 4:4, 5

VI. BECAUSE OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH:
A. God's promises are proven true.

B. Jesus is God.
C. We have a Savior.

Who Moved the Stone?
Mark 15: 42-47

Introduction:
A. Paul wrote that Jesus was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification. Romans 4:25
B. Note carefully that a dead Savior cannot save anyone.
C. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is as much a part of the Gospel message as His sacrificial death.
D. Consider the actions of those near the cross as Jesus suffered and died.
E. Then asked: Who Moved the Stone?

I. One Group of Folks Prepared the Body of Jesus for Burial.
   A. God had a wealthy member of the Sanhedrin, Joseph of Arimathea, ready to take care of the body of Jesus. Matthew 27:57
   B. He was assisted by a concert named Nicodemus. John 19:18
   C. In John 3 we find Nicodemus coming to Jesus and in John 7 we see him defending Jesus. Vs. 45-53
   D. Joseph and Nicodemus searched the scriptures and together learned that the Lamb of God would die at Passover.
   E. It was a simple matter for Joseph to go to Pilate.
   F. The fact that Jesus was buried indicates that he had died on the cross. The Roman soldiers would never have released the body otherwise.

II. One Group of Folks Mourned Jesus Death.

A. Consider the words of the Roman centurion: "Truly this was the Son of God." Matthew 27:54
B. It is touching to see how the woman stood near the cross until the very end. Faithful women were the last at the cross and the first to arrive at Jesus tomb.
C. They were: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Joseph and James.
D. Here is a powerful contrast to the behavior of the disciples.
F. The disciples were mourning and weeping instead of rejoicing at the good news.

III. One Group of Folks Were Dispatched to Make Sure That Jesus Remained in the Tomb.
A. The world had crucified their creator.
B. It was the darkest period in the world's history.
C. Four powers were present to insure Jesus remained in the tomb. Matthew 27: 62:66
D. They were:
   1. The Civil power -- the seal
   2. The Religious power -- the temple watch
   3. The Military power -- Roman soldiers

IV. Lessons for Us. From His Resurrection We See.
A. In Adam all die even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
B. In dying Jesus completed His redemptive work.
C. In His resurrection we have unanswerable proof of His eternal Deity. Romans 1:4
D. In His resurrection we find full and complete vindication that Jesus was who He claimed to be.
E. Here is the hope and pattern for every Child of God. 1 Corinthians 15:19-22

Conclusion:
A. The resurrection was God's Amen to Jesus "It was finished."
B. Because He lives I can face tomorrow.

C. Who do you think moved the stone? I think it was Jesus Himself.

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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS
Psalms 103

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   2. Persistent - bless the Lord (3)
   3. Purpose - all His benefits
B. Salvation (v3-4)
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   3B. Restoration - change - patient
   4A. Preservation - price
   4B. Coronation - prince
C. Satisfaction (v5) - David was God's man - God's old man - God's happy old man (James 1:17)

II. Reigning Mercy (verses 6-10)
A. Ruling (v6)
B. Revealing (v7) - Israel knew about God - Moses knew about God
C. Reserving (v8-10)
   V 8 Dealing
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III. Recovering Mercy (verses 11-14)
   A. Merciful (v11)
      1. Partakers of His inviting mercy through gospel
      2. Saints live by His saving mercy
      3. Saints preserved by His upholding mercy
      4. We will enter Heaven by His everlasting mercy
   B. Mediating Mercy (v12)
   C. Mindful Mercy (v13-14)
      13A The comparison
      13B The compassion - Lord pitieth - compassion for those in distress
      14 The consideration

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TIME

*Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*
*Eph. 5:16*  
*2Peter 3:4-9*

TIME is precious. Paul says, buy it up and use it wisely because "the days are evil."
TIME is a section cut out of the circle of eternity.
TIME is made up of small fragments - 31,560,000 seconds a year.
TIME killed is to find oneself killed.

It is life's treasury to utilize or to waste.
It is life's book, to learn wisdom or die fools.
It is life's tree, to pluck precious fruit of the Spirit, or to pass away in soul danger.
It is life's ladder, up which you may go to eternal honor, or down which is to eternal ruin.

I. It is time to number our days.
   A. Life at best is brief. Pitiful to waste time we have.

B. Remember the uncertainty of life. *James 4: 13-16*
C. It is our season to build and to lay up treasures. Many things such as health, wealth, knowledge, friendships, reputation, etc., may be recovered, but not time.

II. It is a time to awaken. "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light." *Eph. 5:14*
   A. Awaken to the awfulness of sin and to opportunities. "He that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame."
   B. Awaken to the presence of God. Too many of us sleep as disciples on Transfiguration - or in Gethsemane.

III. It is time to seek the Lord. "Behold, now is the day of salvation." *II Cor. 6:2.* Faith in tomorrow, instead of Christ, is Satan's weapon. The rich man and Lazarus is a wonderful illustration. The road to hell is paved with good intentions.

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*NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS*
*Isa 19: 20-25*

Introduction: In this passage, Isaiah speaks of the time when Egypt will know the Lord, and worship Him. Not only would they worship the Lord, they would make a vow to Him and keep it...

(1) Note the reason for their making and keep this vow - v 20
(2) Every Christian is a recipient of God's grace and mercy; therefore, ought to make vows to God, and keep them...

I. I WILL ENDEAVOR TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THREE THINGS ABOUT THE BIBLE.
A. I will accept it as the inspired Word of God
   II Tim. 3:16
B. I will accept it as my light and guide
   Psalm 119:105
C. I shall keep in mind the fact that one day I
   will be judged by the Gospel.
   John 12:47-50; Rom. 2:16; I Cor. 3:13-15;

II. I SHALL ENDEAVOR TO REMEMBER THREE
    THINGS ABOUT THE CHURCH
A. It was purchased with the precious blood
   of Christ, and thus I will respect it
   Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28
B. The church is a divine institution and thus
   will I honor it
   Matt. 16:18
   1. Jesus instituted the church
   2. He protects the church
   3. He is the head of the church
C. It is my duty to be loyal to the church
   1. Attend regularly Hebrews 10:25
   2. Keep my membership in good
      standing

III. THREE THINGS THAT I VOW TO KEEP IN MIND
    CONCERNING CHRIST AND MY RELATIONSHIP
    WITH HIM.
A. Through Christ only is there salvation
   Acts 4:12; John 14:6
B. Christ was sinless and therefore my
   example I Peter 2:21, 22
C. I am not my own but belong to Christ
   I Cor 6:19, 20

Conclusion: These resolutions will greatly enrich
your life.
WILL YOU ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE TO MAKE
AND KEEP THESE VOWS?

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The Forgotten Man of Christmas
Matthew 1:19

Introduction: The "Forgotten Man of Christmas" is not Jesus, although He is often relegated to a minor role behind Santa Clause and Rudolph. The "Forgotten Man" is Joseph the betrothed husband of Mary. Little is written in the Bible about him, but we can learn much about him from what we do find written.

I. HIS GENEALOGY
A. A descendant of David, a legal heir to royalty, Matthew 1:6-16
B. Parental lineage is important, cf. Exodus 20:5; Deut. 5:9; Proverbs 1:8; 23:25

II. HIS OCCUPATION
A. He was a carpenter, Matt 13:55 Mark 6:3
B. An honorable occupation, but unusual for one of royal lineage.
C. This reminds us of the worth of honest but humble toil, and its benefits today, II Thess.3:10

III. HIS MARRIAGE PLANS
A. The custom of the day...
   1. Formal settlement by the fathers of both the bride and the groom.
   2. Formal ceremony of betrothal, at the bride's home or house.
   3. 10 months to 1 year later, the marriage, when the groom and his friends brought the bride to his house.
B. Betrothal was equivalent to marriage in every respect except for the actual relations. Legally they were husband-wife, and this relationship could be broken only by death or divorce.
C. Joseph's plans were interrupted when he learned of Mary's pregnancy, at her return from visiting Elizabeth, Luke 1:39, 56. (3 months)

IV. HIS CHARACTER
A. A severe test, Matt. 1:18
B. Love and compassion for Mary, Matt. 1:19
C. His options...
   1. Denounce Mary, which would result in a trial Num. 5:11-31, and capital punishment, Deut. 22:20,21
   2. Divorce her quietly
   3. Marry her at once
D. Joseph's choice: marry, in spite of circumstantial evidence. This shows his deep faith in God and His Word, Matt. 1:20, 24, 25
E. His self-control, Matt. 1:25
F. His patience, in face of misunderstandings by neighbors.
G. His manliness: tender, considerate of his wife and her needs, Eph. 5:25, 26

V. HIS LEADERSHIP QUALITIES
B. Obedience to religious obligations, as the Law required, Luke 2:22-24; Lev. 12:2-4; Numbers 18:16
C. Protection of his family...
   1. The move to Egypt, Matt. 2:13-15
   2. The return to Nazareth, Matt. 2:19-23
D. Family leadership in devotion to God, Luke 2:41
E. Child-training, Luke 2:51
THE FORGOTTEN MAN AT CHRISTMAS
Part 2
Matthew 1:19

INTRODUCTION: Scriptures vs. 18-25. We usually think of Jesus as the "Forgotten Man of Christmas" Not so! Another is relegated to obscurity in this holy of holy scene: this is Joseph, husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus. But God's choice of Joseph in the birth of His Son is as important as that of Mary. Note the qualities which make him outstanding. These are essential to fatherhood now.

I. AN OBEDIENT DEPENDENCE UPON GOD
A. His obedience was not sterile, but grew out of dependence on the Lord he loved. Evident before marriage
B. To take the yoke of marriage and parenthood...
   1. Some not so inclined: no blame to these, see Matt. 19:10-12; I Cor. 7:7-9
   2. The privilege of being a husband, father.
   3. The responsibility of this privilege
C. A problem...
   1. Jewish law of betrothal.
   2. Mary's pregnancy.
D. Pondering a solution ...
   1. Joseph's first intention, text.
   2. Gabriel's assurance, vs. 20, 21

E. Immediate response, vs. 24,25, a response of implicit faith, which led to obedience.

II. SENSITIVE TO GOD'S DIRECTION
A. Living in Bethlehem following Jesus' birth for perhaps as much as 2 years. Relocated from Nazareth.
B. Herod's wicked plot, and God's plan to deliver Joseph and his family, Matt. 2:1-18
C. Joseph - sensitive to God's leadership even in relation to his job. The value of spiritual obedience over temporal comfort.

III. INTENSE DEVOTION TO GOD.
A. Combined justice and gentleness, evident in his attitude toward Mary, text
B. Evident in his worship pattern...
   2. Later, at 12 years, Luke 2:41-45
C. A fixed custom, and essential habit, which continued in Jesus' later life, Luke 4:16...
   1. An established custom.
   2. Familiarity with the Word, and worship.
D. Joseph's relationship to Jesus.

IV. AN EXAMPLE FOR TODAY.
A. It is important to note the kind of family God chose, in which to rear His Son.
B. Men today could profit by Joseph's example, and his attitude toward God, wife, and Child.

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DAVID’S RESOLVE TO SERVE THE LORD
Psalm 9:1-11

Introduction: The message is not a call for you to make some New Year’s Resolutions. Rather it is a call to simply dedication to God and His will. David was in many ways so very human and his sins have been held up before mankind. Yet he was also a man that God recognized as being unique and a man honored by God. He was called by God, "A man after my own heart." I Samuel 13:14; 16:7; Acts 13:22. Today God will look at your heart for out of your heart will come your actions for the year. Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 12:31-37.

The Psalms accurately reflect the attitudes of David

I. I will not fear. Psalm 3:6, 23:4, 118:4
   A. Love casts out fear 1 John 4:18

II. I will come to His house to worship Psalm 5:7, 23:6
   A. I will fear, reverence the Lord. Psalm 34:11

III. I will be happy and rejoice Psalm 9:2 Philippians 4:4

IV. I will confess my transgression Psalm 32:5

V. I will freely sacrifice unto the Lord. Psalm 54:6
   A. David would not sacrifice what cost him nothing. 2 Sam 24:24 (18-25)

VI. I will praise the name of God with songs... and magnify Him with thanksgiving Psalms 7:17, 9:1, 34:1, 69:30, 104:33, 119:7
   A. Praise Him for His mercies. Psalm 89:1

VII. I will meditate ... talk of His doing Psalm 77:12

VIII. I will walk in truth. Psalm 86:1
   A. Hide His Word in your heart. Psalm 19:8,9,11,15,16,46,62,93,106
   B. Study the Word 2 Tim. 2:15

IX. I will pay my vows, promises to the Lord. Psalm 116:14,18
   A. Keep vows before the public. Psalm 115:12

X. I will go in the strength of the Lord. Psalm 71:16, 29:11, 73:26
   A. Restore the Joy of Salvation. Psalm 51:12

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DAWNING OF THE NEW YEAR

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Did we do all we should have?
Seeing our old year unfold?

Lord, forgive us our shortcomings,
May the new year be bright
May we serve you with humbleness
Knowing you make all things right.

We know we are not perfect,
For there was only one.
Who lived a sinless life,
And that was Jesus your Son

Help us follow His example,
Although, sometimes it is hard.
But I know we can do it,
Keeping our faith in you Lord.

Just give us the wisdom,
To know what is right.
Starting the new year humbly,
By keeping you in our sight

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