



I. THE PROPHECY THAT WAS FULFILLED (GALATIANS 4:4)

The expression, “. . . when the fulness of the time was come,” speaks of the fact that there were specific events that had to fill up time in order for it to be full.

Hebrews 11:1, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

The birth of Christ adds substance to our faith. God told us how it would happen, when it would happen and the way it would happen and when it all came together it validated the fact that Jesus Christ is, in fact, God’s Son.

II. THE PRESSURE THAT WAS FELT

The Jews were in their own land and were in slavery to the Roman Government and were absolutely hated. Jews had to travel for weeks to get to a place where they were to pay their taxes to the same government that recently took over their country. That’s the pressure that caused Joseph and Mary to travel to Bethlehem. And, on top of all of this, Mary was traveling by donkey to pay these taxes while she was expecting a baby.

1 Peter 4:12-13, “¹² Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: ¹³ But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”

III. THE PROVISION THAT WAS FREELY GIVEN (GALATIANS 4:4)

God saw it fit to send His only begotten Son to redeem those of us who were under the law. The law had a very important purpose, to reveal to man that we needed a Savior and that Savior is Jesus.

Jesus came in a door that said, “No entrance,” and He left through a door that said, “No exit.” He came by way of a virgin’s womb and left by way of an empty tomb.

Romans 8:15, “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”

“Abba Father” is the exact expression Jesus used to address God the Father.

Mark 14:36, “And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.”

Abba is from Hebrew origin and speaks of the loving relationship between a small child and his father. Father comes from Greek origin and speaks of the respect we are to have for the office of a father.

John 1:14, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

PRINCIPLES:

- 1) God is able to keep His promises no matter what the odds are. (He fulfilled the prophecy)
- 2) God can use pressure in your life to bring about His perfect plan for you.
- 3) God has provided eternal life for you through His Son, Jesus Christ.