

God Promised to Send Jesus to Earth

(2 Peter 1:1-4)

Introduction:

1. Some wonderful information is revealed in these verses.
 - a. We learn from vs.3 that God has *"given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness."*
 - b. According to vs.4a, God has *"given unto us exceeding great and precious promises."*
 - c. These promises provide special blessings.
 - 1) We can escape *"corruption."*
 - 2) We can be *"partakers of the divine nature."*
2. We recently studied passages that teach us about 2 of God's promises:
 - a. a new name
 - b. a new covenant.
3. In our lesson we are concentrating on the fact that "God promised to send Jesus to earth."
4. Let us begin by establishing how . . .

Discussion:

- I. THE COMING OF CHRIST WAS BASED ON GOD'S PROMISE
 - A. Even though Christ is a member of the eternal Godhead, He came to earth in the flesh (John 1:1-3, 14).
 - B. His coming in the flesh fulfilled:
 1. the Law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17)
 2. God's promise (Acts 13:22-23).
- II. THE DETAILS OF GOD'S PROMISE TO SEND JESUS DEVELOPED OVER MANY CENTURIES
 - A. The first mention is in Genesis 3:15 -- God announced that "the seed of the woman" would bruise the head of the serpent.
 - B. He would be a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 12:3; 26:4; 28:14).
 - C. He would come from the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:8, 10; 1 Chronicles 5:1-2).
 - D. He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14).
 - E. He would be a descendant of David with great authority, ruling over His kingdom forever (Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6).
 - F. He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).
- III. GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND JESUS
 - A. When the time was right, God sent His Son Jesus who was *"made of a woman"* (Galatians 4:4).
 - B. The Lord's genealogy indicates that He is a descendant of David, Judah, Jacob, Isaac, and Abraham (Matthew 1:1-6).
 - C. Jesus was born of a virgin (Matthew 1:18-25).
 - D. Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1-6).

Conclusion:

1. God promised to send Jesus, and God kept His promise.
2. Because God kept this promise we can be redeemed and be adopted as His children (Galatians 4:4-5).