

SERMON NOTES PM

WHEN THE ALMOND TREE BLOSSOMS

Also they are afraid of height, and of terrors in the way; when the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper is a burden, and desire fails. For man goes to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets. (Ecclesiastes 12:5)

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them." Ecclesiastes 12:1-5 (p 774)

GOD USED "OLDER PEOPLE" TO DO HIS WORK

- ✓ _____ and _____ = age 80 & 83 *Exodus 7:7 (p 67); Psalm 90:10 (p 683)*
- ✓ Joshua lived _____ years *Joshua 24:29 (p 274)*
- ✓ Caleb was in his _____ *Joshua 14:6-11 (p 261)*
- ✓ Daniel a young man who lived the period of captivity
Daniel 1:21 (p 1019) _____ *6:1-3 (p 1027)*
Den of lions *Chapter 6*
_____ *6:28 (p 1029)*
Visions *Chapters 8-12*
- ✓ Zacharias & Elizabeth : _____ of John the Baptist *Luke 1:5-25 (p 1177)*
- ✓ Simeon & Anna _____ the Lord *Luke 2:25-38 (p 1180)*



Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to command you what is fitting, yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you—being such a one as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. Philemon 1:8-9 (p 1372)

The Bible And The Almond Orchard

There is honor in the color of the _____ *Proverbs 16:31; 20:29 (pp 743;748)*

The aged require _____ and _____ *Leviticus 19:32 (p 135); 2 Kings 2:23-24 (p 423);*
1 Timothy 5:1-2 (p 1364)

There is much _____ to be done *Psalm 37:25-26 (p 642)*



The book of Ecclesiastes (p 763)

Proverbs 23:22 (p 752)

Titus 2 (p 1370)

NOW ALSO WHEN I AM OLD AND GRAYHEADED, O GOD, DO NOT FORSAKE ME, UNTIL I DECLARE YOUR STRENGTH TO THIS GENERATION, YOUR POWER TO EVERYONE WHO IS TO COME.

(PSALM 71:18)

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WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. (Matthew 1:18-19)

You are married and learn your wife is _____ *Deuteronomy 22:13-21 (p 227)*

This is the story of Joseph and Mary *Matthew 1:18-25 (p 1111)*

Joseph's father was Heli *Luke 3:23 (p 1182)*

Customary among the Jews to contract matrimony, and for some considerable time to leave the parties in the houses of their respective parents. *Deuteronomy 24:5 (p 229); Luke 14:20 (p 1203)*

The cultural stipulation of marriage was essential for the _____ of Jesus *Matthew 1:23 (p 1112)*

A _____ was made *Malachi 2:14 (p 1105)*

Terminated by _____, _____, or unfaithfulness *Deuteronomy 22:22-24 (p 227)*

Mary knew the reason for her pregnancy *Luke 1:31-35 (p 1178)*

Law of Moses called for the _____ of any espoused woman found _____
Deuteronomy 22:23-24 (p 227)

The Nazarene's who attack Jesus' presumptions to divine authority do not give the slightest hint of slander regarding a "premature", thus illegitimate birth. *Matthew 13:54-58 (p 1128)*

Feel the pain in Joseph's entire being as he is torn between his deep love for Mary and his keen consciousness of what is right before God.

Two courses to take:

1 – Public _____ and _____

2 – Write a "bill of _____"

The angel comes to Joseph to calm his troubled spirit *Matthew 1:20-23 (p 1111)*

Explains why Mary is pregnant She will have a _____

His name will be _____

His life work will be to save His _____ from their sins

Joseph does not hesitate at the calling of the angel *Matthew 1:24 (p 1111)* He completes marriage

Another reason for Jesus to be born in _____ *Luke 2:1-7 (p 1179)*

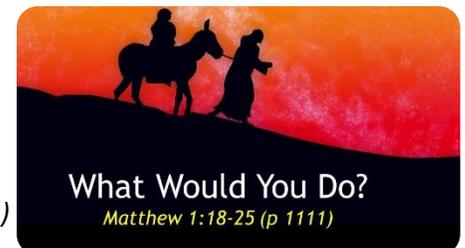
Nazareth = = = Bethlehem: @ 80 miles

Luke 1:34-38 (p 1178)

Joseph a man of _____

He took on his role in the life of Jesus *Luke 3:23 (p 1182)*

Also father of _____ sons and _____ daughters *Mark 6:1-6 (p 1158)*



Harold Fowler writes, "Far beyond all earthly joys was their supreme moral satisfaction of being submitted to God's will and of being permitted to become the guardians of God's Son."