

The Gift God Desires

Matthew 1:1-25; Luke

2:21-41

Intro: The Christmas story is about God's providing mankind with the gift of a Savior, Christ the Lord. ***The gift God desires from each of us this Christmas is consistent obedience, and a life lived to bring glory to Christ. May we obey and follow Him this new year!***

I. His Royal Lineage Matthew 1:1-17

- A. The genealogy of Jesus Christ (1:1-17)
- B. The curse of Jechoniah or Coniah (1:11-12; Jer. 22:24-30)



Joseph obeyed God!

II. His Righteous Character Matthew 1:18-25

III. His Consistent Obedience Luke 2:21-41 and Matthew 2:13-23

- A. Obedience to the Mosaic law (Luke 2:21-41)
 - 1. He named and circumcised Jesus (Luke 2:21)
 - 2. He took Mary to Jerusalem for her purification (Luke 2:22-24; see Lev. 12:1-12)
 - 3. He observed the annual Passover Feast in Jerusalem (Luke 2:41)
- B. Obedience to God's guidance (Matthew 1:24-25; 2:13-23)
 - 1. His marriage to Mary (Matthew 1:24-25)
 - 2. His flight to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)
 - 3. His return to Israel (Matthew 2:19-21)
 - 4. His residence in Nazareth (Matthew 2:22-23)

Application: 1) "Faith comes by hearing, hearing through the Word of God" (Romans 10:17)
2) Pray and read God's Word every day! ***Pick up a daily Bible reading guide.***

Micah 6:8—*"He has told thee, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of thee But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with thy God?"*