

GOD CHOOSES YOU

Today we turn our attention to baby dedication: to us it's more than a ceremony, we are presenting our children to the Lord with the promise that we will do everything in our power to direct them in the ways of the Lord.

Jeremiah 1:5 – “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.”

Jesus Himself was dedicated to the Lord as an infant and received prophetic words over Him by Anna and Simeon at the temple.

Mark 10:16 - And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them

2 Timothy 3:15 – And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

The dedication of the Father

Q. What kind of man was God looking for when choosing someone to raise His son?

Q. What was God looking for when he needed a surrogate?

Matthew 1:19 – Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. (NIV)

Matthew 1:20 - But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

Joseph was God's surrogate on the earth.... The man he wanted ... God chose him. TCC God has chosen you for your children

Matthew 1:24 – When Joseph woke up, **he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him** and took Mary home as his wife. (NIV)

After the birth of Jesus, Herod was searching for Jesus

Matthew 2:13-14 – ... an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." ¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, (NIV)

Luke 2:51-5251 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them... 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Men – you are on God's radar....

Dads – He has chosen you to raise the children in your household...

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