



Part 4: Promise Keeper

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Introduction:

- ♦ Velma's Diner
- ♦ King David: the warrior, poet, shepherd...sinner

For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

Matthew 9:13b

This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David... Jesse was the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon (whose mother was Bathsheba, the widow of Uriah).

Matthew 1:1, 6

Lessons from King David's life...

1. David, the _____

- Chosen to be _____ [1 Samuel 16]
- God _____ a _____ - _____ [2 Samuel 7:8-16]

2. David's life _____

- _____ [2 Samuel 11:1-5]
- _____ [2 Samuel 11:6-27]
- Family _____ [2 Samuel 12 - 18]
- God _____ his _____ to David

3. God's promise _____

- A savior _____
- _____ on earth
- _____ removed

...the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.

Luke 2:10

The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

Luke 2:11

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others - the armies of heaven - praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

Luke 2:13-14

And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21

My Prayer: Heavenly father, I believe that you are the great promise keeper. As you kept your promise to David, I believe you will keep your promise to me, to forgive me, to accept me, to love me. I will no longer come to you or avoid you on the basis of what I have or haven't done. Instead I'll come boldly because of what you have done for me. Through Jesus, my savior and my peace. Amen.

Next Steps:

- ☐ Memorize Matthew 9:13b (series memory verse)
- ☐ Accept that my goodness (or lack of goodness) doesn't affect God's promises to me
- ☐ Place my trust in God and what he's already done for me, not in my own actions
- ☐ Receive God's forgiveness and peace today
 - ☐ For the first time
 - ☐ Pray the prayer
- ☐ Invite a friend to Christmas Eve Service