

## Sermon Notes:

Read Matthew 1:18 through the end of chapter 2. Note how many times the birth of Christ and accompanying events fulfilled words of prophecy that God had spoken many years before. Also, take note of how many times revelation from God happened directly in the lives of Mary, Joseph, and the Magi.

What conclusions do you reach from the two lists?

Ponder what the Bible declares about itself – these are taken from

Psalm 119:9, 11, 18, 105, 160, 165

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

All your words are true, all your righteous laws are eternal.

Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of the Lord stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8

No word of the Lord will ever fail Luke 1:37.

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

2 Peter 1:3-4

## Scripture

How did the Bible come into our hands?

**“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 1 Timothy 3:16-17**

**“Prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” 2 Peter 1:21**

How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

**With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.**

Psalms 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul  
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple  
The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart  
The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes  
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever  
The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous  
They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold  
They are sweeter than honey from the honeycomb  
By them is your servant warned, in keeping them there is great reward

**Prayer:** Giver of the Word, help us treasure your Scriptures as our most precious possession. May it be in our minds and on our lips. Let it transform our thinking and reform our living. Make us attentive students and devoted servants of your perfect inspired Word. Amen.