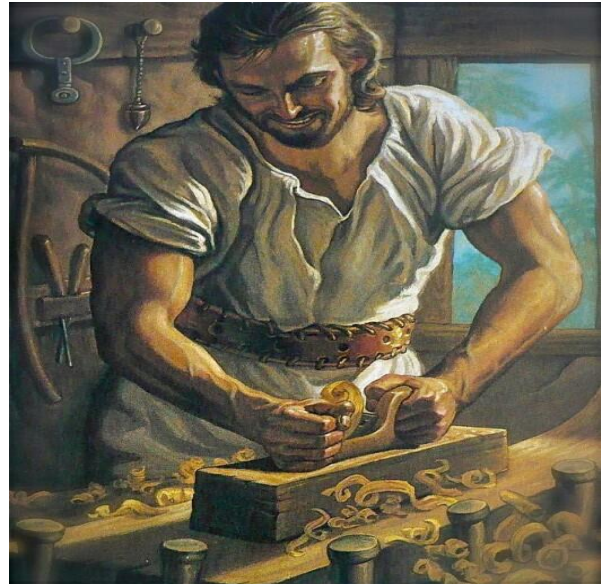


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Joseph's dream

scripture reading: Matthew 1:18 - 1:25

Joseph is husband of Mary whom God has chosen vessel to be used for our Lord Jesus Christ's birth. We meditated yesterday about the angel visit to Mary. When Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. Before they came to the marriage bed, Joseph discovered she was pregnant. (It was by the Holy Spirit, but he didn't know that.) Joseph was very upset, but he does not want to insult Mary, so he determined to take care of things quietly so Mary would not be disgraced. While he was trying to figure a way out, he had a dream. God's angel spoke in the dream: "Joseph, son of David, don't hesitate to get married. Mary's pregnancy is Spirit-conceived. God's Holy Spirit has made her pregnant. She will bring a son to birth, and when she does, you, Joseph, will name him Jesus—'God saves'—because he will save his people from their sins." Watch for this—a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son; they will name him Immanuel (Hebrew for "God is with us"). Then Joseph woke up. He did exactly what God's angel commanded in the dream: He married Mary. When Mary had the baby. He named the baby Jesus.



Hi dears, the life of Joseph and Mary tells us how much our God is so thoughtful of us. When HE choose some body for a task, HE will also control the circumstances. Mary trusted God and agreed for HIS plan. Joseph does not know anything, so he wants to quit the marriage agreement quietly. When God saw Joseph's mind, HE did not keep quite but started revealing HIS plan even to Joseph. When we trust HIM, HE will provide not only the needs but also the people and prepare their heart for HIS task. What are we learning specifically from Joseph...? He was very good man, even though he does not the truth about Mary's pregnancy, he does not want to insult her publicly. God saw this God heart and sent HIS angel to him and brought him inside of HIS plan. If you too try to help and not to harm or disgrace others, God will bring you into HIS plan and bless you. Will you ask HIM today? Come on let's pray now.

"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Matthew 1:23

Prayer

Loving heavenly Father, Thank you for choosing me to be in your plans. Give me a heart of kind and love. In Jesus mighty name I pray. Amen.



