



A Divinely Orchestrated Life

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“But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. 21 And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: 23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene” (Matthew 2:19-23).

The life of Jesus, from birth to the cross and beyond was divinely Orchestrated.

One of the common but very powerful phrase in the Bible is **“And it came to pass”**, and reminds us of not only divine providence but also orchestration. Every danger that is heading your way will come to pass, but you will live to declare the goodness of the Lord. When Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt with baby Jesus, they had no idea how long they would spend in the foreign land before returning to their homeland in Israel. This called for continuous dependence on God to discern correctly when and what their next step would be.

Eventually, Herod that posed a threat to baby Jesus died. It is not clear from Biblical record whether Joseph and Mary heard about Herod's death, as Communications in those days there were not as proficient as it is today. Whether they knew of it or not, they had to wait for divine instruction, which came through angelic appearance to Joseph in a dream with a glorious message “Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life” (vs 20). The long wait was over, as the return journey started. No condition is permanent. You will not wait for ever to realise your prophetic declaration. Simply learn to lean in on God for your next move, which could be imminent.

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mother, and came into the land of Israel” (vs 21). **If God says it is safe, then it is safe no matter the apparent dangers that may be on the way. Those who wait to gain 200% assurance before taking a step, may miss God given golden opportunity.**

On arrival in Israel, he heard that Herod's son ruled in the room of his father - “But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither...” (vs 22). Did God make a mistake to tell them to return to Israel? Did God now know that Herod's son ruled in his father's room, when He asked Joseph and Mary to return to Israel? Why did God not tell them while in Egypt that Herod's son ruled in his father's place? These, and other similar questions may plague many minds. However, it is important to note that:

- 1) When God speaks, He is not speaking to feed our brains, but rather to feed our faith, therefore our response must come from faith and not from head knowledge, if we are to please God (Hebrews 11:6);
- 2) It is natural for fear to arise in response to a known situation or fact, but our response to God's instruction must not be predicated by fear but faith;
- 3) God leads one step at a time and has ample answers for every situation we will encounter. He did not tell the Israelites of the Red Sea when they left Egypt, but He had a spectacularly good solution for it. “... notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee” (vs 22).

Their obedience fulfilled another prophecy in the Scriptures (vs 23). Be sure of this one fact, that **as long as you continue to live for God, your life will be divinely orchestrated**, and every Herod that threatens your life will die, but you will live to fulfil the prophecies of God for your life.