**A Mayberry Christmas -- Part 3**

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(Genesis 1:14 NIV) And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years

(Job 9:9) He is the Maker of the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the constellations of the south.

(Job 38:31-33) **31** “Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades? Can you loosen Orion’s belt? **32** Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons or lead out the Bear with its cubs? **33** Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you set up God’s dominion over the earth?

(Daniel 1:3-4) **3** Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king’s service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— **4** young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king’s palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians.

(Matthew 1:18-2:2) **18** This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. **19** Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. **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. **21** She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” **22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: **23** “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). **24** When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. **25** But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. **2:1** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem **2** and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

1. **God is                     .**

(Isaiah 46:10) I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’

1. **God has                              .**

(Jeremiah 29:11) For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

1. **God’s plan                                    .**

(Isaiah 9:6) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

1. **God has made us                                                   .**

(Deuteronomy 20:4) For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.”

(John 16:33) “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

(Romans 8:31-32) **31** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son, but

 gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

(1 Corinthians 15:57) But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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