

**Learning to Love the Lord #9: God Evacuates Joseph to Egypt
Matthew 2:13-23**

<p>¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."</p>	<p>1. God _____ Joseph</p>
<p>¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod,</p>	<p>2. Joseph _____ God</p>
<p>that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."</p>	<p>3. Scripture Is _____</p>
<p>¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.</p>	<p>4. Herod _____ Infants</p>
<p>¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more."</p>	<p>5. Scripture Is Fulfilled</p>

<p>¹⁹ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead."</p>	<p>6. God _____ Joseph</p>
<p>²¹ Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.</p>	<p>7. Joseph _____ God</p>
<p>²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there.</p>	<p>8. Joseph _____ Judea</p>
<p>And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee.</p>	<p>9. God _____ Joseph</p>
<p>²³ And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth,</p>	<p>10. Joseph _____ in Nazareth</p>
<p>that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."</p>	<p>11. Scripture Is Fulfilled</p>

Observations:

1. God allows sin to happen. Even atrocities happen because of sin.
2. God prevents anything that would alter His plans.
3. Good people can be used to assist bad people in sin without knowing it.
4. God's will can often involve danger, great inconvenience, and life-altering, unexpected changes.
5. As with Joseph, our primary job is not to fully understand all that God has planned in our lives (or even the bigger picture), but to obey what God has revealed.