

Consistency in Changing Times

Matthew 2:13-23

Joseph:

- As a boy he was taken care of. **He was:**
 - Fed, clothed, protected, provided for, trained in a trade, educated in the things of God.
- As a young man it was arranged by God that he take care of. **He was:**
 - A righteous man. (Matt. 1:19)
- As a fiancé he listened to God in order to take care of. **He:**
 - Was spoken to by God through angels. (Matt. 1:20, 2:13, 19)
 - Did as the angel commanded. (Matt. 1:24)
 - Left for Egypt. (Matt. 2:14)
 - Got up and returned. (Matt. 2:21)
- As a husband he loved Mary to prove he took care of. **He:**
 - Kept her as his fiancé. (Matt. 19b)
 - Took her as his wife. (Matt. 1:24b)
 - Honored her as a woman. (Matt. 1:25)
- As a father he protected Jesus to show he took care of. **He:**
 - Fed, clothed, protected, provided for, trained Jesus in a trade, educated Jesus in the things of God.

Observations about Joseph's walk with God:

- God chose to speak to Joseph at every turn of his life. (Matt. 1:20-23, 2:13, 19-20) - righteousness of Joseph
- Joseph chose to listen to God through every event in his life. (Matt. 1:24, 2:14-15, 21, 23a) - obedience of Joseph
- God protected Joseph through all the seasons of his life. (Matt. 2:16-18, 22, 23b) - faithfulness of God

Points to Ponder:

- Are you at a place right now with God that would assure Him of your availability to His calling?
- Are you at a place with God right now that would cause you to listen to His beckon voice?
- Are you at a place right now with God that would assure you of His protection through every event of life you go through?