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AN OUTLINE FOR TODAY'S SERMON

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STAYING NEAR BETHLEHEM

Jeremiah 42:13-22

Contextual Verse—Jer. 41:17a, b: “*And they went and stayed . . . near Bethlehem . . .*”

I. Doctrine: Remaining *Close* to Christ (and His church) Al-

ways _____ *Fleeing* to Egypt (or, the world)

A. –*Abiding* (by Faith) is _____ Than *Wandering* (through fretting), (Prov. 29:25)

B. –“*Ordinary*” Grace is _____ to “*Exotic*” Sin, (Ps. 84:10)

II. The _____ of Straying From “*Bethlehem*,”

vv. 13-22

A. –The “*Greener Grass*” is _____ (in Egypt), vv. 13-17

B. –The _____ God Rules—in Judah, *or* in Egypt, v. 18

C. –False Hearts are _____ (as God-Despisers), vv. 19-22

III. How we May _____ (permanently) in “*Bethlehem*”

A. –By Planting our “_____” in the Fertile Soil of The Person of Christ, (Jn. 15:5)

B. –By Filling our “_____” with Heavenly *Christ-Directed* Doctrine, (Lk. 2:10-11)

Key Verses—vv. 19-20a: “*The LORD has said to you, O remnant of Judah, ‘Do not go to Egypt.’ Know for a certainty that I have warned you this day that you have gone astray at the cost of your lives.*” (ESV)

Aim: To remain Faithful to Christ—not straying from Him