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PECA Sermon Outline on Matthew 1:18-25, December 6 2015

Intro:

<u>Main Point of Text:</u> The nature of Jesus' birth is supernatural, thus you are supernaturally reborn, alive, and growing.

Sermon Point: Jesus Can Do a Supernatural Work in You.

Move 1: Your salvation was set up by supernatural design.

God is the superior/supernatural Designer (Eternal Decree). He set up His work of salvation so it will surely work. God spoke the prophecy (vs. 22), and God fulfilled it (vss. 22-23, Isa. 7:14). Angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph (vss. 20,24). The names were supernaturally chosen (vss. 21, 23). The Christ Child would be fathered by the Holy Spirit (vss.18, 20), not a natural father of the genealogy (vs. 16); M. Henry, Jesus is the "Seed of the Woman" per Gen. 3:15. Ps. 130:7-8 in He "shall save His people from their sins": design, Election/Predestination. Eph. 1:8-11; 2:8-10.

Move 2: Your salvation is sure by supernatural delivery.

Emmanuel: "With us, God." Of the Holy Spirit: vss. 16, 18, 20, 23. Doctrine of the Virgin Birth/Incarnation. So that Jesus would be holy: vs. 20. Ps. 16:10, the "Holy One" in Acts 2, Resurrection. Had to be God and man to be your Savior, 1 Tim. 2:5. WLC 38-40. Be assured, Jesus is Emmanuel. Col. 2:9: For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 1 Tim. 3:16: ... God was manifest in the flesh ... Jesus can/has supernaturally saved you from your sins (vs. 21).

Move 3: Your salvation is secure by supernatural deliverance.

Jesus saves from sin's guilt and grip. God delivered His promised Son by miraculous conception. And He delivered Him by miraculous intervention. Joseph essentially planned divorce. But God kept the holy family together. He spoke to Joseph so he didn't leave, for he was the "Son of David" (vs. 20), the adoptive father giving Jesus Davidic lineage. God will next deliver them from King Herod, and then out of Egypt. So God supernaturally has delivered you from this world and dead works to serve the living God. The Holy Spirit Who begot Christ has also born you again (John. 3). Jesus saved you, God is with you. Believe it: context of Isa. 7:14, God challenged King Ahaz (of Judah, David's Kingdom) to ask for a sign to show He would deliver him from Pekah (Israel) and Rezin (Syria). In unbelief, Ahaz wouldn't ask, so God said, "I'll show you a sign", with vss. 13-14 quoted in vss 22-23 of Matthew 1. God shortly delivered Ahaz and protected the David line from being destroyed (and preserved the Messiah and you). God calls you to believe on Jesus for your sign of deliverance from this world unto new abundant life on this earth.

Conclusion:

Jesus Can Do a Supernatural Work in You.