

“The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity . . . did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man’s nature . . .”
(Westminster Confession of Faith 8.2a, c)

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AN OUTLINE FOR TODAY’S SERMON

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STAYING NEAR BETHLEHEM

Jeremiah 42:13-22

I. Doctrine: Remaining Close to Christ (and His church) Always _____ 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 to _____ (permanently) in “Bethlehem”

A. Plant [my] “_____” in the Fertile Soil of Christ, (Jn. 15:5)

B. Fill [my] “_____” with Heavenly Doctrine, (Lk. 2:10-11)

Key Verse—v. 19: “The LORD has said concerning you, O remnant of Judah, ‘Do not go to Egypt!’ Know certainly that I have admonished you this day.”

NOTES & APPLICATIONS:

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