

The Teaching Ministry at Cowplain Evangelical Church



"My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations," says the Lord Almighty.' Malachi 1:11 NIV

All the nations would _____ be blessed through Abraham.
Israel would _____ be a light to the Gentiles.
God would _____ be worshiped throughout the world.

2. The promise of God _____.

'When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman.'
Galatians 4:4 NIV

'God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledge to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.' Luke 2:26-27 NIV

**The kingdoms of this world do not have
the capacity to _____ the world.**

'...to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour.' Matthew 4:8 NIV

'The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and he will be called the son of the Most High."
Luke 2: 27-28, 31-32 NIV

Israel _____ be a light to the Gentiles.
God _____ be worshiped throughout the world.
The world _____ be blessed through Abraham.



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Do you look forward to the Christmas season? Why or why not?
2. How familiar are you with the backstory of Christmas that was discussed in the message?
3. Read Genesis 12:1-3. Put yourself in Abraham's sandals. How would you have felt about hearing that promise? Would you have been obedient?
4. Read Isaiah 49:6, Malachi 1:11. Faith is trusting in the promises of God. We can see the fulfilment of these promises, but the people at the time would have had a hard time believing them. What promises do you find hard to believe? How can you trust God's promises even when you can't see them fulfilled yet?
5. Read Galatians 4:4. How does this verse encourage you to trust that God knows what he is doing both in the world and in our individual lives?
6. Outside of your personal experience but based on personal observation, how has the coming of Jesus blessed the world?
7. How has the coming of Jesus served as a blessing to you? What was missing before you came to faith?
8. Is there something you can do this season to bless someone else?
9. The story of Christmas reminds us that when God is silent, he's not necessarily still. What are the implications of that for us?

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