

Sermon Handout

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Central Church of Christ

Heaven Meets Earth

Week 2: The Promise of Heaven on Earth

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1. The Fulfillment of God's Promises
 - The birth of Jesus connects us to God's faithfulness.
 - Isaiah's prophecy to King Ahaz serves as a testament to God's covenant with His people.
2. Prophecy of Immanuel
 - Isaiah 7:14 introduces the concept of Immanuel—God with us.
 - Historical context: God assured Ahaz He would be with him during Israel's struggle.
 - The fulfillment seen fully in the New Testament through Jesus.
3. Mary and Joseph's Role
 - The angel's announcement is a pivotal moment of God's promise.
 - Mary's response highlights faithfulness to God, leading to the miraculous birth of Jesus.
4. Living in the Tension of Now and Not Yet
 - Emphasis on God's presence amid uncertainty.
 - A call to recognize God's ongoing work in our lives, despite challenges.
5. Trusting and Acting on God's Promises
 - Encouragement to engage with God's Word and trust His character.
 - Practical applications: prayer, kindness, and living out God's purpose.

Bottom Line: The promises of heaven are fulfilled through Jesus' presence on earth.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding Immanuel (God with us) change the way we approach challenges in our lives?
2. What promises from God do you find most comforting this Christmas season?
3. In what ways can we actively seek to live out the presence of Christ in our relationships with others?
4. Reflecting on Mary's response to God's call, how can we respond faithfully to God's direction in our lives?

Scripture References: Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:26-38; Philippians 2:8-11

