

Matthew 1:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

Analysis

Joseph's immediate obedience 'when he arose from sleep' demonstrates the faith that justifies. He believed the angel's message and acted accordingly, despite the social cost and personal humiliation he would face. This obedience required trusting God's word over appearances and public opinion, exemplifying the principle that true faith produces obedience (James 2:26).

Historical Context

Taking Mary as his wife protected her from accusations and provided Jesus with legal standing as Joseph's son, giving Him rights to David's throne. This occurred before the trip to Bethlehem for the Roman census.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does Joseph's immediate obedience teach about the relationship between genuine faith and obedient action?
2. How can you demonstrate Joseph-like faith when God's calling contradicts human wisdom?

Interlinear Text

Διεγερθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰωσὴφ ἀπὸ τοῦ ὑπνου ἐποίησεν ὡς
being raised Then G3588 Joseph from G3588 sleep did as
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προσέταξεν αὐτοῦ ὁ ἄγγελος Κυρίου, καὶ παρέλαβεν
had bidden him G3588 the angel of the Lord and took
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τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ
his wife him
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Additional Cross-References

John 15:14 (Parallel theme): Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Exodus 40:27 (References Lord): And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Exodus 40:32 (References Lord): When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses.