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O Little Town of Bethlehem

Micah 5:1-5a

Introduction: In a dangerous and chaotic world, God provides two solutions that allow us to live with serenity. Those two solutions are exhibited in the first and second coming of Christ.

- 1. OUR PROBLEM – We face a world in serious trouble. *Micah 5:1***
 - A. Back in Micah’s day, the city of Jerusalem faced serious trouble.
 - B. In our day, we face a world deeply divided.

- 2. GOD’S IMMEDIATE SOLUTION – God, first, gives us a universal spiritual solution. He does not promise a local political solution. *Micah 5:2***
 - A. God’s solution is His Messiah.
 - B. God’s Messiah comes from a surprising place. 5:2a
 - C. God’s Messiah is a surprising person. 5:2b
 - D. God’s solution had a transforming impact in the ancient world.
 - E. God’s solution is having a transforming impact right now around the world.

- 3. GOD’S ULTIMATE SOLUTION – God’s universal solution will ultimately be political in the best sense of the word. *Micah 5:3-5a***
 - A. Jesus will come again. 5:3
 - B. Jesus will establish his kingdom to the ends of the earth during his kingdom reign. 5:4a
 - C. Jesus’ kingdom will be a place of universal peace. 5:4b-5a