



Third Week of Advent
Thursday, December 17th, 2020

Mr. Daniel Pfaff, American Sign Language Teacher, shares his reflections on today's Scripture readings.



GN 49:2, 8-10; PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17; MT 1:1-17

Before I started to work for Bishop Chatard, I had an opportunity to translate the Bible from original language into heart language for Deaf people which is American Sign Language with an organization called Deaf Missions. The books I was assigned were the first Chronicles and Isaiah. If you haven't read the first Chronicles, the very first nine chapters were nothing but names of everyone from everywhere within Israel's genealogy from Adam up till after Israelites came back from exile.

Today reading is all about genealogy, how God's promise continues through the genealogy of God's people. How far can you name your ancestors? Three or four generations maybe? There are enthusiastic people who can name up to ten generations! The importance of genealogy is how God shows and keeps HIS promise from time of creation until today.

As we see, God made the promise to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (they are called patriarch of the Bible), that their descendants will bring the savior in the world and Jesus is our Lord Savior. God planned every single detail aspect of our life, from the day we were born until the day we go home with God. He has been doing this since the beginning of the time, as stated in Matthew chapter 1:1-17.

Today, we remember that we are being saved by the blood of Jesus Christ that washed away our sins. It wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for the genealogy that God has planned for us. We are thankful to God for His perfect plans!

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