

Daily Devotional, December 11, 2020

“Though You Are Little”, (Micah 5:2, NKJV)

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.” (Micah 5:2)

This ancient prophecy was fulfilled in the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ (**Matthew 2:6**). God did not choose a great city for His eternal divine Son to take on human flesh. Rather, He chose a place that was comparatively small and insignificant to come into the world which He created. It was the ancestral home of King David, and it was the place where Messiah would appear, but people were not paying attention in that day to this. Like many of us, those folks were making their own assessments based upon outward appearances and conditions.

Bethlehem Ephrathah was a little place, and God worked a great work there. Now clearly the birth of the Savior cannot be repeated or approached in magnificence. So we won't compare apples and oranges here. But we can make some applications. Every Scripture verse has one meaning in its context, but it has very many applications for those who are in tune with the Holy Spirit of God. Consider then with me that Woonsocket is **“little among the thousands”** of places in the world. And yet God is working and desires to further work here. We Christians want Him to come here in a mighty way. We want revival of believers. We want to see unbelievers accept the gracious gift of God's salvation, **“eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”** (Romans 6:23). **“Though you are little”** as the world may see you, Christian friend, it may be that the Lord your God has a great work for you. Do you have a spouse to cherish, children to raise, parents to bless, or grandchildren to teach the ways of the Lord? All of these are great works. Have you a ministry of mercy or compassion or helps? A ministry of preaching or teaching or evangelism? Prayers to offer God on behalf of others? Again, all of these are great works! **“Though you are little”**, little is much when God is in it. And if you are a believer, He is in you to empower you to do His great work (**1 Corinthians 3:16**).