

CHRISTMAS CALAMITIES, SERMON # 3

Herod's Holocaust Matthew 2:13-23

I. THE _____ OF THE SERAPH (vs.13-15)

- Because of our Lord's Divine preeminence, even as an *infant*, _____ was given to Jesus.
- The King had lied to the Magi—instead of *adoration*, he was plotting _____!

Lessons:

- Sometimes God will only deliver us as we _____ from the situation itself.
- _____ in obedience is everything.
- We should _____ until God tells us otherwise.

II. THE HOLOCAUST OF _____ (vs. 16-18)

- The paranoia and passion for complete domination produce brutal schemes that could only originate from the _____ corner of our fallen nature.

Applications:

- We must make sure that our own "lust for power" has been _____ by the Holy Spirit.
- Out of our _____ will come our triumph, too.

III. THE NATURALIZATION IN _____ (vs.19-23)

Something jumps out at us here—

- We must be _____ as we follow the Lord!
- Christianity will be very difficult and demanding for the rigid soul that demands easy explanations and _____ roads.