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*AN OUTLINE FOR TODAY'S SERMON*

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**Staying Near Bethlehem**

**Jeremiah 42:13-22**

Contextual Verse—Jer. 41:17a, b: “*And they went and stayed . . . near Bethlehem . . .*”

**I. Doctrine: Remaining Close To Christ (and His Church) Al-**

**ways \_\_\_\_\_ *Fleeing To Egypt (or, the World)***

A. –*Abiding* (by Faith) Is \_\_\_\_\_ Than *Wandering* (through Fretting), (Prov. 29:25)

B. –“*Ordinary*” Grace Is \_\_\_\_\_ To “*Exotic*” Sin,  
(Ps. 84:10)

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of *Straying From “Bethlehem,”***

**vv. 13-22**

A. –The “*Greener Grass*” Is \_\_\_\_\_ (in Egypt), vv. 13-17

B. –The \_\_\_\_\_ God Rules—*In Judah, Or In Egypt*, v. 18

C. –*False Hearts Are* \_\_\_\_\_ (*As God-Despisers*),  
vv. 19-22

**III. How we May \_\_\_\_\_ (Permanently) In “*Bethlehem*”**

A. –By *Planting* our “\_\_\_\_\_” *In* The Fertile Soil of The  
*Person of Christ*, (Jn. 15:5)

B. –By *Filling* our “\_\_\_\_\_” *With* Heavenly *Christ-Di-*  
*rected Doctrine*, (Lk. 2:10-11)

**Key Verses**—vv. 19-20a: “*The LORD has said to you, O remnant of Judah, ‘Do not go to Egypt.’ Know for a certainty that I have warned you this day that you have gone astray at the cost of your lives.*” (ESV)

Aim: To remain *Faithful* to Christ—*Not Straying* from Him