**Morning Message Outline**

December 15, 2019

**"Shielded by Guardian Angels"**

**Matthew 1:18 25; 2:1 23**

I. Introduction: A highly unusual invasion plan

II. The danger posed by Joseph’s kind plan

A. It plays right into Satan’s hands

B. A guardian angel is sent to protect Jesus’ legal and social legitimacy.

C. Joseph’s response: A model example of doing God’s will on earth as it is in heaven

III. The danger in Herod’s brutal jealousy of rivals

A. Herod serves Satan’s ends

B. An angel intervenes again

C. The significance of Jesus’ stay in Egypt

D. God leads Jesus out of Egypt back to the land of Israel

IV. God’s plan of salvation will not be thwarted!

A. Satan fails to get the Christ child!

B. The battle rages on, but in Christ, our salvation is secure.

V. Conclusion: The peace on earth that the angels announced is peace with God!