

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Luke 2

Introduction: More about Angels . . . Angels are non-essential to salvation, they witness it, cheer it on and celebrate every time someone comes to Christ (Luke 15:7).

The three angelic visits of Luke 1 and Matthew 1 set the stage for two things: first, the events that are reported in Luke 2, second, they provide the foundation for all we believe as followers of Jesus Christ.

The entire superstructure of Christianity is built on the fact of the hypostatic union of God and man in Jesus Christ.

Precept: The best example that any father can provide is to instantly obey God and Joseph is a prime example of that for us as human fathers.

Luke 2:1-24 - The angels received their biggest assignment from God the night Jesus was born, first came as an angel, and then a host of angels arrived to celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

Luke 2:1-7 - The Birthplace

Luke 2:8-14 - The birth announcement (Luke 2:10-12)

Concept: God's glory is most clearly seen by the humble of heart and God's glory is most clearly displayed by a humble hearted person.

Precept: The name "Savior" is rooted in the name Jesus; the title "Christ" identifies this baby as someone who will succeed king David; and the title "Lord" indicated that this baby would rule on earth for God.

Luke 2:15-24 - In the first century, Bethlehem was little more than a gathering of a few hundred people and the celebrated birthplace of King David.

Conclusion: The angels play an important role in the arrival of Jesus; they announce the coming of the forerunner of Jesus - John the Baptist; they visit Mary and Joseph to prepare them for the Holy Spirit enabled pregnancy of Mary and they announce the birth of Jesus to shepherds who were caring for sheep and lambs that would one day be sacrificed on the Day of Atonement in the Temple.

If you do not know Jesus as Savior and Lord Christmas is simply a party where gifts are exchanged in the absence of the guest of honor.

If you know Jesus as Savior and Lord Christmas is a birthday celebration of God's great salvation for all who humble themselves and trust him for forgiveness and eternal life.