

The Angels Said

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Luke 2:10 (ESV)

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”

Angels stand in the presence of God and say what they see and what God tells them to say. In this case this angel said, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” Therefore, to receive some good news and have great joy, we need to pay special attention to the message that this angel is declaring. As we consider angels, we need to understand that they are created beings. There are millions of them. Also, no matter what anyone tells you, we do not become angels when we die. Plus, you should know that Satan is a fallen angel and when he fell 1/3 of the angels followed him (Rev.12:4) thus the demonic influence on the earth.

So, we see here an angel, a created being, coming from the presence of God and bringing good news to a group of shepherds.

Luke 2:9 (ESV)

And an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

When the angel showed up, the glory of the Lord shone all around the shepherds, and they were filled with great fear. Angels definitely have a presence about them. The message.

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Very important to take note that this “good news of great joy” was for all the people. This message was not given to a king or a leader of a great army, but the message was given to shepherds. The core of the message is clearly stated.

Luke 2:11 (ESV)

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

The term *Christ* in the Greek for “Anointed One”. This comes from the Hebrew word in the OT meaning Messiah. Therefore, this literally says, “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Anointed One, the Messiah.” This is the long-awaited King of the Jews. The fact that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem was prophesied in Micah 5:2. Bethlehem was also called “city of David” because it was the city where King David was born. At this time, it was general knowledge that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

Now the angel gives us some totally new information that that has never been revealed.

Luke 2:12 (ESV)

“And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Seems to me like there is a personal lesson here. We always have clear revelation in the Scripture, but there is always something new God will reveal or clarify at a later time.

Now with this world changing event, the glorious birth of Jesus, the heavens burst forth with the praise of angels.

Millions upon millions of angels from horizon to horizon with the glory of the Lord shining from them.

Luke 2:13-14 (ESV)

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom HE is pleased!”

Millions of angels declaring, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Peace on earth is the peace that the Messiah, the Christ, brings. Those whom Jesus forgave promising eternal life based on their faith are the ones who have peace. Those who Jesus forgave are the ones with whom God is well pleased.

The blinding presence of millions of angels from horizon to horizon are praising God for what HE has done for mankind.

Luke 2:15 (ESV)

The angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

The angels are gone, and the shepherds want to go and see this thing. The word “this thing” literally means “this *rhema*” *which means* a specific word from God. The angels leave and the shepherds go to see this specific word from God they just received. I believe there is a lesson here. We have the Word of God the Bible, logos, with completed doctrine and the revelation of all things we believe and trust. Standing on the as the foundation of our faith, we may receive a “personal rhema” from God, a specific word or clarification for our specific situation. We should not consider this unusual.

After this glorious night, the angels were gone, the shepherds are gone, and Joseph and Mary move back into their routine.

Luke 2:21 (ESV)

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Joseph and Mary didn't know much but they knew Jesus' name. This was the name given by the angel before Jesus was conceived in the womb. **Jesus existed before conception.**

Also, we see that God knew our children before conception and we see that life begin at conception.

Like Joseph and Mary, we may not know much, but we know the name, Jesus!

Acts 4:12 (ESV)

Jesus! There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.