



ANGELS – Glorifying Faith (Luke 2:8-14)

There are 66 books in the Bible and ___ of those books introduce us to angels. ___ different times the Old Testament speaks of angelic beings and ___ times the New Testament speaks of them. In each case the angels are portrayed as glorious messengers of an even more _____ message.

In Luke 2 the angels are declaring the most glorious announcement the world has ever known! Here is an announcement that will divide all of the world's history between B.C. ("Before Christ") and A.D. (*anno domini*, "in the year of our Lord"). Here is an announcement that tells us that the _____ became a _____ son. The eternal Word has become a speechless babe. Here is an announcement of great wonder that would cause the angels to sing in heavenly chorus, "*Glory to God in the highest!*"

As we look at this familiar announcement we see 3 reasons why the angel's message was so glorious.

THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE IS GLORIOUS BECAUSE OF ITS _____

- A. **This was a message of _____**
Suddenly the shepherds saw something they'd never seen before. They saw angels in the sky and they had every reason to be frightened. When you go through the OT you come to discover that angels were frightening beings. Boy were they glad then the first words of this angel were " _____!" Over and over again we discover in God's Word those two little words. Jesus Christ himself said "fear not" _____ different times. _____ times the Scripture tells us not to fear and the only thing that can eliminate fear is the message of good tidings that the angels declared to the shepherds.
- B. **This was a message of renewed _____**
"*The glory of the Lord shown round about them*" (2:9). That Shekina glory that had filled the temple in the OT times was suddenly there and wrapped around them. That glory had been gone since the times of _____ and now the glory of God was shining once again. There are _____ silent years from Malachi to Matthew and these silent years are now broken spectacularly! The silence was broken by an ambassador from Heaven declaring that there is no need to fear for good tidings have been brought to men.

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These are tidings of "great joy" you understand because they shall be to "all people" and this message had been formulated all the way back at the beginning of the world. Genesis 3:15 gives us the _____ (first gospel). The angels are declaring that God's plan is now coming to fruition.

- A. **A _____ was fulfilled**
It is the content in Luke 2:11 that is perhaps most remarkable because it is a message that fulfills the prophecy in _____:_____. That passage is one of the clearest indicators given in the Hebrew Scriptures for identifying the Messiah.
- B. **A _____ have been rescued**
As the angel continues to deliver his message he gives the infant 3 names.
1. " _____" – This baby came to "save people from their sins"
 2. " _____" – This baby was the "anointed one"
 3. " _____" – This baby was the One in control of all things.

There has never been a message like this one! It is a message of hope, life, and salvation to all who will believe it!

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A multitude of angels appeared and were praising God before the shepherds.

- A. **The _____ beings were moved to praise God (2:14)**
When the angel finished his speech, the heaven's were filled with a multitude of other angels and they began to speak an anthem of praise exalting their _____ who was being born among men.
- B. **The _____ beings were moved to praise God (2:20)**
The message of the angels motivated the shepherds. When the angels departed they went to Bethlehem and found the baby Jesus. What they saw in that manger changed their lives! They left the presence of the Messiah and went home rejoicing in the new _____ they had found.

Concluding Thoughts

One night, long, long ago, God moved Heaven and earth to provide a _____. Miracle after miracle took place in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of this Messiah and every single miracle was for _____!

The glorious message the angels gave is just as important _____ as it was _____! What have you done with this message? Have you received Jesus as your Savior? Have you unwrapped Heaven's greatest gift? The angels declared a glorious message on that night long ago and it's the most glorious message this world has ever known.

