

THE WONDER OF HIS PEACE

Luke 1:26-38

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INTRO:

1. Angels as seen in our culture
2. Angels as seen in the Christmas story

A. THE APPEARANCE OF ANGELS

1. Angels are **mentioned** in the scriptures
2. Angels are **mysterious** creatures
3. Angels have **many** classifications

B. THE ASSIGNMENT OF ANGELS

1. Angels convey a **mission** from God (Luke 1:8-15; Matthew 1:18-24)
2. Angels serve as **messengers** from God (Luke 1:26-38)
3. Angels lead us to **magnify** God (Luke 2:8-15)
4. Angels **minister** to us in our time of need (Luke 1:11-12; 1:29-30; Matthew 2:13)

C. THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD AS WITNESSED BY ANGELS

1. **Creation** (Genesis 3:24)
2. **Incarnation** (Luke 2:8-15)
3. **Resurrection** (Matthew 28:2; Mark 16:5; Luke 24:4; John 20:12)
4. **Revelation** (Revelations 7:11-2)

CONCLUSION:

As you celebrate this season, remember the demonstration of God's love by sending his angels in the lives of Mary and Joseph, Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the **shepherds** living out in the field.

TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

1. Growing up, what is your perception of angels? How has your understanding of angels changed after the message last Sunday?
2. Read Luke 2:8-15 and Matthew 1:18-24. What were the angels assigned to do toward Zechariah and Joseph?
3. The word “angel” comes from the Latin angelus, which means messenger. Read Luke 1:26-38 and explain the message the angel gave to Mary.
4. Read Luke 2:8-15. Write down three ways we are tempted, this Christmas, to be distracted from “hearing the voice of the angels” and worshiping the Christ child.
5. Read Luke 1:11-12; 1:29-30 and Matthew 2:13. Observe the different emotions involved in this narrative. What did the angels do as part of their assignment? How do these assignments reflect the attributes of God?
6. Pray and contemplate the roles of angels from creation, the incarnation and resurrection of Christ and finally in eternity.