

The Angels, the Shepherds and Simeon

Luke 2:8-10 ESV

- ⁸ And in the **same region** there were **shepherds** out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- ⁹ And an **angel** of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with **great fear**.
- ¹⁰ 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.

Luke 2:11-14 ESV

- ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
- ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."
- ¹³ And **suddenly** there was with the angel a **multitude** of the **heavenly host** praising God and saying,
- ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

The Shepherds – Context

Micah 4:8 ESV

⁸ And you, O tower of the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, the former dominion shall come, kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem.

The Shepherds – Context

Luke 2:17-18 ESV

- ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.
- ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

The Angels – Context

Ephesians 3:10 ESV

¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Luke 2:14 ESV

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

The Angels – Context

- Peace to our past
- Peace in the present
- Peace for our future

Isaiah 26:3-4 ESV

- ³ You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.
- ⁴ Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

Luke 2:25-28 ESV

- ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was **Simeon**, and this man was **righteous** and **devout**, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
- ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
- ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,
- ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

Luke 2:29-32 ESV

- ²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;
- ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation
- ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
- ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

The true meaning of Christmas is a promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus.

