

# Angels Out in the Field: Christmas and the Supernatural Notes

Luke 2:8-20

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## Primary Responsibilities

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ God (Nehemiah 9:6, Revelation 5:11-12).
2. They are \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - The word “angel,” as used in the Bible, literally means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - They convey two types of messages: Good news or bad news (2 Thessalonians 1:6-7).
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ to people (Hebrews 1:14).
  - Most of the time angels are not \_\_\_\_\_; they minister invisibly behind the scenes.
  - On occasion, they break into our world, appearing for a short time to accomplish a specific \_\_\_\_\_.
  - When they do appear, they often look just like \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 13:2).
  - Every time an angel shows up in the advent adventure, human beings become very \_\_\_\_\_.

## Lesson to Learn from Three Angelic Encounters

1. Gabriel with Mary (Luke 1:26-38) - Don't be afraid of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God was going to send His Son to earth.
  - Mary was terrified. Gabriel said, “Do not be afraid.”
  - Fear could keep her from responding in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - “For nothing will be \_\_\_\_\_ with God” (Luke 1:38).
  - Mary was ready to respond, choosing faith over her \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Angel and Joseph (Matthew 1:20-24) – Don't be afraid when everything seems to go \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Joseph needed some divine intervention after he found out Mary was pregnant.
  - The angel tells him “Do not fear.”
  - This boy will be the Savior, fulfilling the prophecy from Isaiah 7:14.
  - He took Mary as his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Immanuel will be with you always, no matter what happens.
  - God will work every out for His \_\_\_\_\_ and for your good (Romans 8:28).
  - God wants us to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - He wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ Him in the midst of the storm, to love Him even when we feel like we've lost everything, and to trust Him during our trials.

- Joseph had \_\_\_\_\_ more encounters with angels in Matthew 2:13-14 and 21.
3. Angels and the shepherds (Luke 2:8-20) – Don't be afraid of the good \_\_\_\_\_.
    - The phrase "filled with great fear" means they were \_\_\_\_\_ and agitated.
    - Once again the angels said "fear not." They had good news.
    - The word "suddenly" means that the heavenly host come \_\_\_\_\_.
    - The phrase "heavenly host" refers to the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ in other passages of Scripture.
    - The shepherds knew they had to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Their fear had been replaced with faith and then their faith went to their \_\_\_\_\_.
    - The word "haste" carries with it the idea of \_\_\_\_\_.
    - The shepherds became messengers of the \_\_\_\_\_ they had received from the angel.

### **Angels Never Do The Following**

1. Angels never take the place of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 33:2, Revelation 1:1).
  - In the last chapter of Revelations, a \_\_\_\_\_ is pronounced on anyone who adds or takes away from the words of the book (Revelation 22:18-19).
2. Angels never take the place of God the \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 22:8-9).
3. Angels never take the place of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 2:5).
  - Jesus is center stage; angels are just the \_\_\_\_\_ cast (1 Peter 1:12).