

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).