

Message: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

Text: Luke 2:8-14; Philippians 2:5-11; Malachi 4:2

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:6-7

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Introduction: The Story of “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

The Hymn

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"*

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,

offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. [*Refrain*]

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. [*Refrain*]

I. The Angelic Declaration (Luke 2:8-14)

- ☐ The angelic “*euangelion*” was brought to the _____ of society (v. 8)
- ☐ The angelic declaration was accompanied by the _____ of God (v. 9)
 - ☐ He told them not to be _____ (v. 10)
 - ☐ He told them of _____ (v. 10)
 - ☐ He told them of great _____ (v. 10)
 - ☐ He told them it was for _____ *the people* (v. 10)
 - ☐ He told them of the birth of the _____ (v. 11)
 - ☐ He told them of the child's _____ circumstances (v. 12)
- ☐ The angelic messenger was not _____ (v. 13)
- ☐ The angelic “_____” proclaimed glory to God, peace to men and the message of Jubilee (*favor* - see Luke 4:18-19)

II. The Prophetic Reflection (Isaiah 9:6-7)

- ☐ The angelic declaration hearkens back to a _____ (v. Luke 2:11)

- ☐ A child has been born to ____ (v. 6)
- ☐ A ____ has been given (v. 6)
- ☐ An _____ is established (v. 6)
- ☐ The child's name (_____) is multi-faceted:
 - ☐ Wonderful _____
 - ☐ Mighty _____
 - ☐ Everlasting _____
 - ☐ Prince of _____
- ☐ His reign is _____ (v. 7)
- ☐ He is a descendent of King _____ (v. 7)
- ☐ He will rule with justice and _____ (v. 7)
- ☐ And all of this is from the _____ (v. 7)

III. The Messianic Reality (Malachi 4:2; Mark 5:21-34)

- ☐ The angelic declaration is about _____ (Luke 2:11)
- ☐ The Savior-child born to us is _____ (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:11)
- ☐ The "Sun of Righteousness" seen by Malachi is _____ (Malachi 4:2)
- ☐ Jesus' authority and dominion (kingdom) are over _____ things
- ☐ He is the One with healing in his "_____" (Malachi 4:2; Matthew 9:20-22; 14:35-36)

Conclusion: What Do You Most Need from Him Today?



Love God Extravagantly ~ Love People with Humility ~ Mentor Others to do the Same

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