

**The Messengers of Christmas  
Outline – December 3, 2023  
Luke 1:8-20; 26-33**

**The Realms in Which We Live**

**I. There are two realms of life**

- A. The one you see
  - 1. The physical realm
  - 2. The laws of physics
- B. The one you don't see
  - 1. The spiritual realm
  - 2. The spiritual laws
- C. The spiritual realm impacts the physical realm
  - 1. Angels and demons
  - 2. Found from Genesis to Revelation
  - 3. Angels are mentioned 300 times
  - 4. Jesus taught about the existence of angels

**II. Who are the angels?**

- A. Messengers of God
- B. Their emphasis is to serve God
  - 1. In worship
  - 2. As a witness
    - a. Proclaiming His will
    - b. Proclaiming His way
  - 3. As a watchmen
    - a. What is to occur
  - 4. As a warrior
    - a. Protecting
    - b. Providing
    - c. Defending
    - d. Destroying
- C. Their next emphasis: to serve those who inherit salvation
  - 1. Guide us - Genesis 19
  - 2. Deliver us - Acts 12
  - 3. Protect us - Psalm 91
  - 4. Encourage us - Judges 6
  - 5. Enlighten us - Matthew 2

6. Empower us - Psalm 91
7. Escort us into glory - Luke 16

### **III. So what are they like**

- A. Immortal
  1. Created at one time
  2. Not reproducing
  3. Not evolving
- B. Innumerable - Daniel 7:10
- C. Inspirational
  1. Want us to experience God
- D. Invisible
  1. But can manifest in the physical
- E. Invincible
  1. Powerful
  2. Strong
- F. Intelligent
  1. Gabriel
  2. Michael
- G. Involved in humanity
  1. In life
  2. In death
  3. Entertain angels unaware - Hebrews 13:2
  4. When Jesus showed up the spiritual realm became very active and noticeable

### **IV. Angels in the life of Jesus**

- A. Predicted His birth
- B. Announced His birth
- C. Comforted Him after His temptation
- D. In the garden with Him
- E. Announced His resurrection
- F. Spoke at His ascension
- G. Will announce the rapture and accompany Him at His return

[Not at His crucifixion]

### **V. The two prophetic predictions by Gabriel**

- A. Zacharias: You will bear a son
  1. John the Baptist

2. Joy and gladness
  3. Great in sight of The Lord
  4. Be filled with The Holy Spirit in mother's womb
  5. Turn people back to God
  6. Forerunner of Messiah
- B. Not believing
1. Lack of faith
  2. Created consequences
- C. To Mary
1. Favor with God
    - a. Outcast
    - b. Rumors
    - c. 90-mile journey
    - d. No room
    - e. No family except Joseph
    - f. Give birth in a cave
    - g. Savior comes into the world

**VI. How did Gabriel describe Messiah?**

- A. Great
- B. Son of The Most High
- C. Given the throne of David
- D. Reign over the house of Jacob
- E. Kingdom will have no end

**VII. Angels will work in your life**

- A. Bringing comfort
- B. Bringing home
- C. Pointing us to Jesus and salvation

**Good News  
Great Joy  
All People**