

An Angelic Christmas Carol

Luke 2:14

Introduction:

- Do you know the meaning of the following words found in familiar Christmas carols?
 1. The first Noel
 2. Hark the herald angels sing
 3. Round yon virgin mother and child
- The song sung by a choir of angels found in Lk 2:14:
 1. Was sung because the prophesied S_____ was finally born.
 2. Was sung with m_____.
- Many are looking for a savior in wars, politics, marriages, churches, etc. Jesus is the only solution and ought to be the f_____ of our lives. Let's reflect on the meaning of this song.

Its p_____ – glory and peace

- These are often thought to be w_____ (may there be glory, may there be peace)
 1. The G_____ language in which Luke wrote had a wish mode. But it is not here.
 2. The text is arranged in a fashion in which Greeks would understand this to be an ex_____ of fact (there is glory, there is peace).
- Glory
 1. Has many meanings – brightness (Lk 2:9), power (Matt 4:8), magnificence (Matt 6:29), honor (Jn 9:24).
 2. The c_____ always determines the meaning. Here _____ is the meaning.
 3. We are to give honor to God because of who He is and what He has done.
- Peace

1. The meaning
 - a. This peace is not a f_____
 - b. This peace is o_____ (harmonious relationship between two or more parties)
2. The peace is between _____ and humans
 - a. The Savior was born as the P_____ of peace (Is 9:6)
 - b. His death would bring people into h_____ with God (1Pet 3:18)

- If you have trusted the Savior, you can put an exclamation after the words, Glory and Peace, just as the angels did.

Its p_____ - in the highest and on earth

- The “highest” refers to h_____ - this is where the proclamation of g_____ is directed (Glory in the highest places!).
- Earth is where the proclamation of p_____ is directed (Peace on earth!)
- Those in heaven knew what was going on, but those on earth cannot know unless it is r_____ to them.
 1. The angel revealed the news that the Savior was born to the s_____.
 2. The shepherds revealed the news of the Savior to o_____.
 3. We need to spread this revelation to the w_____.

Its p_____ - God and men of goodwill

- God - the proclamation of glory is made in heaven to a person called God.
 1. Only God deserves our w_____.
 2. Only God is i_____ and needs nothing.
 3. God saw our need and c_____ to become a human so that we could experience peace.
- Men of goodwill
 1. There is a difference in the way this is translated because **later** Greek copies a_____ dropped one letter (s) off the end of one word (goodwill).
 - a. Without the s, it means goodwill to men (KJV)
 - b. With the s, it means men of goodwill (modern versions).
 2. The idea is that only people who are characterized by doing God’s will have p_____ with God (Rom 5:1)
- Peace with God, means you are in h_____ with Him
 1. Not because you had g_____ in you (all our righteousness is like a filthy r_____ to God – Is 64:6)
 2. But because of what Jesus did f____ you (1Cor 1:30).
- True peace on earth occurs only among believers in Christ, those who are characterized by doing God’s w_____ (that is goodwill).

The angelic song in its exact order as recorded by Luke:

*Glory in the highest places to God!
On earth, peace to people of goodwill!*