

Hurstbourne Baptist Church; December 13, 2020

Sermon Notes and Quotes: Luke 2:14

“The Song of Angels”

Sermon Outline

- The peace that Jesus gives to us is **NOT** world peace.
 - Jesus told his disciples in Luke 21, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once. ¹⁰Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.’”
 - One day, Jesus will end all wars, *but that was not the purpose of His **first** coming.*
- The peace that Jesus gives to us is **NOT** a life of ease and comfort.
 - Again, Jesus clearly told his disciples: “I have said these things to you so that you may have **peace**. In the world, you will have **trouble** (i.e., trials and tribulations). But take heart, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).
 - One day, Jesus will wipe away every tear, every stain of sin, every heartbreak, *but that was not the purpose of His **first** coming.*
- The peace that Jesus gives to us is **peace with God**.
 - In Romans 8:6-8, the Bible describes each of us as naturally **hostile** to God. In other words, in our natural state, our normal human condition, we do not submit to God’s Word or God’s Ways. We live our lives by our own rules, our own judgments, our own wisdom, our own standards. And the Bible describes that as hostility.
 - Jesus came to **remove the hostility** between God and us. Jesus came to give us peace with God, to give us proper regard for God, and to mend our relationship with Him.
 - “Jesus himself is our peace” (Ephesians 2:14).

Sermon Quotes

- “If God had perceived that our greatest need was economic, he would have sent an economist. If he had perceived that our greatest need was entertainment, he would have sent us a comedian or an artist. If God had perceived that our greatest need was political stability, he would have sent us a (capable) politician. If he had perceived that our greatest need was health, he would have sent us a doctor. But he perceived that our greatest need involved our sin, our alienation from him, our profound rebellion, and our death; so He sent us a Savior” (Carson, *Praying with Paul: A Call to Spiritual Reformation*, 88).
- “Man’s maker was made man, that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother’s breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that the Truth might be accused of false witness, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die” (Augustine of Hippo, *Sermons 191.1*).