

Message Notes

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Christmas: How To Make An Angel Sing

Luke 2:14

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"I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat, of peace on earth good will to men. I thought how as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom, had rolled along thun' broken song, of peace on earth good will to men. And in despair I bowed my head, there is no peace on earth I said, for hate is strong and mocks the song, of peace on earth good will to men."

- * Our world is crying out for peace. Isa. 48:22; Jer. 8:11; 1 Peter 3:11
- * To whom does God offer His peace? John 14:27; Luke 2:14; Gal 5:22

Peace to those on whom His favor rests...

- * Peace comes to those with whom God is pleased. Ps 119:165; Mal 2:5
- * Without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. 11:6
- * Even though the "Prince of Peace" has come, peace is not enjoyed by all.
Is. 57:21

God's favor rests on those who believe...

- * The peace the angels spoke of is a peace between humankind and God.
Rom 5:1
- * To believe is to place one's trust in the one whom God has sent.
John 6:29; 1 John 3:21
- * The KEY that unlocks the door to true peace is **believing**.
Phil. 4:7; Rom 15:13; Col 1:20

Peace with God brings enmity from the world...

- * Jesus told us plainly that we will experience trouble in this world. Jn 16:33
- * In Christ we have overcome the world, and been set free.
John 16:33; John 8:36; Eph. 2:12

"Yet pealed the bells more loud and deep, God is not dead, nor doth he sleep, the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth good will to men."
-Henry W. Longfellow-