

## 382 Christmas Playlist Series# 2 — “Angels Song Peace On Earth”

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### Zechariah’s Song

*“...the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”*

**That is the Good News of Christmas. God has personally invaded all darkness**

Zechariah - God has remembered. Elizabeth - God has promised. John - God has graciously given.

Put these all together: **God has remembered His promise and graciously given.**

### Luke 2:6-18

*6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Glory in the Highest 8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold,[b] an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be **the sign to you**: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:*

***“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”[c]***

*15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. 17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely[d] known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.*

**Pictures prince George birth Kate and William parents.**

**Crowds gather to see announcement board**

### The Message:

The Glory Of God is with us for good!! His Glory will result in Peace. This is favour is bestowed on Everyone.

**John 1:14** *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

**John 17:22** *“And the glory which You gave Me I have given them,”*

### Definition of Peace:

Hebrew “shalom” :-- completeness, soundness, health, prosperity, security, welfare, peace.

Greek “eirene” :-- harmony, concord security, safety, prosperity, felicity, a peace and harmony that makes and keeps things safe and prosperous.

**Isaiah 9:6-7** *“Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end.”*

**Isaiah 32:17** *“...the effect of righteousness will be peace [internal and external], and the result of righteousness will be quietness and confident trust forever.”*

**2 Thessalonians 3:16** *“Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.”*

**Colossians 1:20** *“...reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.”*

### **The Recipients:**

**Luke 2:12** *“And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”*

**Why Shepherds? Why these Shepherds?**

**Micah 4:8** *“And you, O tower of the flock, The stronghold of the daughter of Zion, To you shall it come, Even the former dominion shall come, The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.”*

**Micah 5:8** *“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel,”*

Passover lambs were kept by specially trained shepherds. The lambs were born in this “tower of the flock”

The new lambs would even be wrapped in special swaddling clothes once certified.

Jesus was born surrounded by shepherds, set apart to certify the birth of the ultimate Passover Lamb.

**Exodus 12:5** *“Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year.”*

**John 1:29** *“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’”*

**1 Peter 1:18-19** *“...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”*

**Shepherds:-- social outcasts**

**Jewish Law (Talmud)** “...not to be witnesses in courts.” “...no help given to heathen or shepherds.”

Unclean! No access to temple.

**David was a shepherd - Illegitimate**

In the right place at the right time.

**Lesson From The Shepherds:**

1. Never Believe You Are Insignificant
2. God knows where you are and how to reach you
3. He speaks your language
4. Outcasts became guests of honour
5. If you have seen Him you will tell!!!

**Isaiah 1:18 (NLT)**

*“Come now, let’s settle this,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow.”*

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