

## **4—A Spirit of Hope**

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### **INTRO:**

#### **I. → Luke 2:8-14**

*And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in a field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the **glory** of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.*

*→ 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not! For behold, I bring you **good news** of great joy, which shall be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the town of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord."*

*→ 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**, among mankind **good will.**"*

#### **II. "YAHWEH TSABAOT" YAHWEH OF HOSTS**

- A. Stars of the Sky
- B. An Army of Angels

### **BODY:**

#### **I. The Hope of Glory**

A. The world was hoping for the Glory of the Lord to return.

1) **THE SHEKINAH GLORY (Dwelling of Yahweh)**

- a) In the Wilderness Tabernacle (Exod 40)
- b) In Solomon's Temple (1 Kings 8)
- c) Departed during the Exile (Ezekiel 10)
- d) Never returned to Herod's Temple (DSS)

2) **Haggai 2:7-8**

*"I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with **glory**," says the LORD of Hosts.*

3) **VISITING THE WESTERN WALL**

- B. God's glory returns when His people make Him known.
- 1) **Colossians 1:27**  
*To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the **hope of glory**.*
  - 2) REINDEER RUN—FPNO

## II. The Hope of Peace

- A. Peace on Earth means more than just lack of war.
- 1) **Psalms 72:1-3**  
*Endow the king with your justice, O God,  
the royal son with your righteousness.  
May he judge your people in righteousness,  
your afflicted ones with justice.  
May the mountains bring **peace** to the people.*
  - 2) CHARLES FINNEY LEADING THE CAUSE OF ABOLITION
  - 3) John Dwight, Unitarian minister from Boston, 1855  
*Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is **peace**.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.*
- B. There is no peace like knowing Christ as your Savior.
- 1) **John 14:27**  
*"**Peace** I leave with you; my **peace** I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be **troubled** and do not be **afraid**."*
    - a) Grk (*delía*) faithless, timid
    - b) Grk (*tarásso*) to be stirred up, disturbed, confused
  - 2) THINGS THAT STEAL PEACE

### III. The Hope of Good Will

Grk (*eudokía*) good pleasure, Heb (*ratson*) favor

A. The Spirit of good will begins with acts of kindness.

1) **Isaiah 61:1-2**

*The Spirit of the Lord Yahweh is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's **favor**.*

2) ELF—SANTA IS COMING

B. When Christ comes, we have reason to expect good things.

1) **2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who  
loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement  
and **good hope**, encourage your hearts and strengthen you  
in every good deed and word.*

2) ENJOYING THE BUILDUP

## **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Psalms 103:20-21

Praise the Lord, you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
who obey his word.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,  
you his servants who do his will.

Psalms 148:1-2

1 Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights above.

2 Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

2 Thessalonians 1:11

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.

Ephesians 3:10

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.

1 Peter 1:12

It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.