

Christmas and Fear

Luke 1:26-38

Introduction:

I. The Fear of the Future (vv. 29-35)

A. Fear of others' response.

1. Joseph Mt. 1:19, 20
2. Mary's family and friends

B. Fear of overland journey

1. Caesar's decree Luke 2:1-7
2. No vacancy. Luke 2:7

Application:

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II. A Faithful Answer to Fear

1. Respond in godly faith (Lk. 1:38)
2. Remember God's way is best. (Lk. 1:38)
3. Reverence God rather than fearing circumstances.. (Lk. 1:50)
 - a. Not more than we can bear. (I Cor. 10:13)

- b. God is ever-present with us (Ps. 125:2)
 - c. God's mercy is on us. (Lk. 1:50)
 - d. All things are under God's control. (Prov. 21:1; Eph. 1:11)
4. The future has been well-planned by God. (vv. 31-33)
 5. Sing God-centered music. (Lk. 1:46-55) (Ps. 42:8, 77:4-6; Acts 16:25)
 6. Seek the counsel and fellowship of others. (Lk. 1:39, 40) Cp. 1:19, 20
 7. Recall how God has always had the past under His control. (Lk. 1:51-54)
 8. Trust God with your circumstances. Make necessary changes (Mt. 1:24)
 9. Christians have peace with God. (Lk. 2:14)
 10. Pray (Lk. 8:22-25)

Application:

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