



The Angel's Song

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO LUKE 2:14

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“Glory to God in the Highest...”

- v. 14

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo” (Latin) • “Glory to God in the Highest” (English)

ABOUT THE ANGELS

30 Facts about Angels

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| There are mentioned 273 times in 34 biblical books | They were present at the creation of the world |
| They were all created by God | They are spirit beings |
| They report directly to God | They are invisible beings |
| They announced Jesus' birth | They manifest themselves physically at times |
| They do not marry | Some angels help humans |
| They were created to live forever | Some angels harm humans |
| Their purpose is to glorify God | They possess intelligence |
| They are innumerable | They possess will |
| They display joy | They display desire |
| They are not omnipresent | They are smarter than man |
| They are not omnipotent | They are stronger than man |
| They are not omniscient | They are swifter than man |
| Some are cherubim | Most stayed true to God |
| Some are seraphim | The will fight the final war |
| 3 are mentioned by name in scripture | They will join us in Jerusalem |

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STUDY VERSE SECTION - Luke 2:14, NASB95 -¹⁴ “Glory [lit., “Praise”, pointing to God’s infinite and majestic nature] to God in the highest [lit., loftiness]. And on earth peace [a transliteration for the Heb. “Shalom” (Heb. שָׁלוֹם) means much more than a truce in the battles of life. It means well-being, health, prosperity, security, soundness, completeness and the absence of hate. It has to do more with character than circumstances; “It’s peace in the midst of difficult circumstances.” - ATR] among men [the Gk. “dative case” would help us understand that the angels are speaking to many of us individually—not corporately; it’s to one heart at a time that God offers His peace—His shalom] with whom He is pleased.” [lit., “upon whom His favor rests;” it speaks of God’s fixed intention to extend favor and grace to His people.]

TWO OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE ANGELS SONG:

1. The multitude that sang the song.

Luke 2:13, NASB95 -¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

- **The Suddenness of the Multitude** – “And suddenly...”
- **The Size of the Multitude** – “...a multitude of the heavenly host...”
- **The Site of the Multitude** – “...with the angel...”
- **The Song of the Multitude** – “...praising God...”

2. The message that the multitude sang.

Luke 2:14, NCV -¹⁴ “Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace among the people who please God.”

Luke 2:14, NIV -¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.”

- **The Praise for God** – “Glory to God in the highest...”
- **The Peace for Men** – “...and on earth, peace and goodwill toward men.” (KJV 1900)

LESSONS FROM THE ANGEL'S SONG

1. **Biblical peace has nothing to do with what’s on the outside.** (Biblical peace is not the absence of difficult circumstances.)
 2. **Biblical peace has everything to do with what’s on the inside.** (Christ is the source of the greatest peace mankind can ever know.)
- “If you give God your praise; He will give you His peace!”**