

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

It is an amazing thought that the prophets of old didn't serve themselves to find out all the details of what was going to take place. They didn't know them. The Holy Spirit at times would write through them, but they didn't see how it was all going to work out.

It was not only the prophets of old, but it was also the angels. The angels had to wait, too. You can imagine how that they were so excited when at the time of that great Christmas story, they witnessed the Lord Jesus Christ born of a virgin, Mary, who was espoused to marry Joseph. She was told she had found favor with God and that she would conceive in her womb and bring forth a Son, and His name should be called Jesus. Can you imagine these were peeping angels, wondering what was going on! They must have been so excited to see how these things were being worked by Almighty God.

In **Luke 2:13** we read how on Bethlehem's plains, the angels praised God for the birth of Jesus. They witnessed God Who took upon Himself man.

**7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, - we read of Mary - and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.**

Imagine the excitement that night in the heavenlies! Is it any wonder that the angel of the Lord wanted to bring **good tidings of great joy** to somebody? People were out there sleeping, remember. Most folks wouldn't even know what was happening. So, what happens? He goes to the shepherds, because, we read, they **were watching their flock by night**. And the angel shared with them —

**11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.**

Fulfillment was not for the prophets' day, but for the New Testament saints. What a privilege that we can read what the Word of God is saying happened and what is going to happen. The message of redeeming grace was first proclaimed through the Spirit-filled preaching of the apostles and then the early evangelists. These messages went forth. Yes, the angels and the prophets longed for the time when, after Our Lord's ascension from earth following His triumphant death, burial and resurrection, they might witness this present amazing age of the grace of God; that they might witness what it is for a life like yours and mine to have the indwelling Holy Spirit making Christ real within, doing His work through us; that all glory and praise goes to Him as He is completing His Church and doing His work of glory forever and ever.

Oh, the heavens are watching! The angels are peeping. What are they seeing? What is going on through our lives? Are we available

totally that in our lives there is the total abandonment to the purposes of God? That is the only reason we are on planet earth if we have been Blood-bought and we are children of God.

In **1 Peter 1:6**, we read that God encouraged those disinherited slaves who suffered a great wrong to rejoice in the worst circumstances. *Rejoice in the worst circumstances. Rejoice!*

**6 [You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials and suffer temptations.**

**7 So that [the genuineness ] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested and purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to redound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is revealed.**

Oh, precious believer, will you today say, *I recognize, in some of these dreadful happenings in my life, that it is all part of what You are doing for Your glory. I want Your purpose in my life. I want it to be outworked as it is being watched from the heavenlies by the very angelic hosts. O Lord, I want my life to bring all glory to You.*

For we read in **Hebrews 2:5** -

**5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.**

**6 But one - that is speaking of Jesus - in a certain place**

**testified, saying What is man, that thou are mindful of him? -speaking of Jesus - or the son of man, that thou visitest him?**

**7 Thou madest him -Jesus - a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honor, and didst set him over the works of thy hands.**

**10 . . . to make the captain of our salvation - that is Jesus - perfect through sufferings.**

**14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that -and I love this bit - through his death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

**15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

Oh, you are bound; you fear death, but Jesus died to deliver you! Receive Him as your Lord and Saviour. Acknowledge His life is the Only life that is going to make an impact for all eternity, and be totally available to Him for His glory.

*In Jesus' lovely Name. Hallelujah! Amen.*

