

## **NO FEAR AT CHRISTMAS**

*THE GIFT – Part 1  
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Luke 1 & 2*

*“When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.”  
Luke 1:12 (NIV)*

*“Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.” Luke 1:29 (NIV)*

*“An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified.” Luke 2:9 (NIV)*

### **FEAR NOT AT CHRISTMAS BECAUSE...**

#### **1. GOD STILL ANSWERS PRAYER. (Luke 1:5-14)**

*“Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let's not let it slip through our fingers. We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let's walk right up to him and get what He is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help.” Hebrews 4:14-16 (Mess)*

*“Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank Him for his answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 (LB)*

#### **2. GOD STILL KEEPS HIS PROMISES. (Luke 1:26-31)**

*“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord has said through the prophet.” Matthew 1:21-22 (NIV)*

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 27:1 (NIV)*

*“So do not fear, for I am with you: do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)*

### **3. GOD STILL HAS A PURPOSE. (Luke 2:8-16)**

*“...Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you: He is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)*

*“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”  
I John 4:18 (NIV)*