

The Wonder of His Promises

Sunday, December 17, 2023 Luke 2:12, Isaiah 7:10-16, 9:6-7

The story of Jesus' birth inspires us to deepen and strengthen our faith. In Luke 2, the angel of the Lord had delivered an incredible message of good news! God had sent "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." As confirmation that this was from God, and in order to strengthen the faith of the shepherds, the angel told them:

"This will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12 (NASB95)

A study of "signs" in scripture helps us to see God at work confirming His promises and strengthening the faith of His people. My prayer for you today is that you will have confidence God keeps His promises and for your faith to be strengthened.

Key Thought: You can be confident God keeps His promises. Trust Him!!!

God is trustworthy:

- God's promises about the Messiah from prophecy (Luke 2:44; Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2;
 Jeremiah 31:15)
- God's promises about the incarnation (Isaiah 7:10-16, 9:6-7; John 1:1, 8:58, 10:25-39, 14:9)

God's promises for you at Christmas!

- The birth of Jesus is a promise of hope! (Hebrews 4:16, 7:25-8:13)
- The birth of Jesus promises His return! (Isaiah 11:1-10; Rev. 20:1-10) (Psalm 72:1; Isaiah 9:7, 60:21; Zechariah 9:10; Luke 1:32-33)
- The birth of Jesus encourages you to trust Him!

What do you need to trust God with today? Which promise of God do you need to lean into and rest your burden on Him? Be encouraged, the Lord can be trusted and His promises are true!