

"Christmas in July" A Look at Luke Luke 2:1-20 July 21, 2019

"My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please." Isaiah 46:10

Luke 2:1-7

- 1. God's plan utilizes <u>EARTHLY</u> agencies. Ephesians 1:11
 - a. Governmental agencies are <u>ESTABLISHED</u> by God. Romans 13:1, Daniel 2:21, 4:30-32, Acts 12:22-23
 - b. Every agency is used for God's <u>SOVEREIGN</u> plan. Micah 5:2, Isaiah 13:3, Jeremiah 51:20-23, Isaiah 45:1, 13, John 19:10-11, Genesis 50:20

Luke 2:8-20

- 2. God's plan involves <u>HEAVENLY</u> beings. Luke 4:18, Genesis 3:24, Revelation 22:6
 - Angels have various <u>MINISTRY</u> assignments. Psalm 103:20
 - a. MESSENGERS Luke 1:19
 - b. SERVANTS Hebrews 1:14, 1 Kings 19:5-6
 - c. <u>PROTECTORS</u> Psalm 91:11-12, Matthew 18:10
 - d. <u>ENCOURAGERS</u> Matthew 4:11, Luke 22:43, Acts 27:23-24
 - e. <u>DELIVERERS</u> Matthew 26:52-53, Daniel 6:22
 - f. <u>WARRIORS</u> Revelation 12:7, Ephesians 6:12

Question to Consider:

- Do I fret over what I see in this world? Or do I live with the reassurance that God is indeed sovereign and is working out His plan?
- Do I live with the understanding that I live in a heavenly alliance with angels and together we are carrying out God's plan?
- Do I need reassurance this morning that God is in control of all things?

What is the Holy Spirit prompting me to do?