

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS: THE UNSEEN  
WORLD  
MESSAGE NOTES



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# OASIS SERMON NOTES

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“Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king...” Today we explore the roles of angels in God’s redemptive story. To get our hands and heads around this topic, we must first begin with the biblical truth that there are two realms: The physical realm where we live and breathe and experience life in the physical, and the unseen realm, where spiritual realities and beings exist. Though many haven’t seen the spiritual real, it doesn’t negate its existence. Just as we believe in the air surrounding us or the radio waves that deliver messages to our phones, so too, God has created a spiritual realm that includes unseen realities like angels who worship around his throne and do his bidding, and demons, those angelic beings that rebelled against God with 1/3 of the heavenly host being expelled from heaven.

Satan was the first spiritual being that led the rebellion from heaven to earth where he tempted our first parents Adam and Eve to also rebel against God and from that point in history, our world has never been what God originally intended. There are two kingdoms at war: God’s kingdom, with Jesus as the true king and Satan’s counterfeit kingdom with his host of rebels and counterfeit kings that have influenced humanity to worship and give allegiance to anything and anyone other than the true king.

Today, we need to be reminded that these spiritual realities are in play, and as followers of Jesus, we need to have a fresh kingdom perspective, understanding that we live in this world, though we do not belong to or support the demonic worldly systems that Satan has instituted. We are just “pilgrims” passing through into the eternal kingdom of Jesus who came the first time in his incarnation (the reason we celebrate Christmas) and who is coming again to consummate His reign as King of kings and Lord of Lords. Our lives here on earth matter, and as we live for Jesus, it really matters as we impact generations to come.

Let’s unpack this angelic mystery from heaven together.

### My Story

1. Do you believe that angels and demons exist? Why or why not?.

### Digging Deeper

2. **Luke 2:8-13** describes the mysterious account of the angelic heavenly host heralding good news to some poor shepherds.
  - a. What was the initial reactions of the shepherds upon this encounter? Vs 9
  - b. What turned their fear into faith? Vs 10
  - c. Who is this gospel proclamation for and how can you apply this to your personal life and situation today?
  - d. Dawn said “We must have faith to see the bigger picture.” Like the shepherds, are you excited and encouraged that God has entered in with his promise of good news and are you seeking Him out?
3. Throughout scripture, we see that Satan, our adversary, is at work to keep us from seeing the light of the gospel, and is like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **Read 1 Peter 5:8.**
  - a. In what ways has the enemy of your soul tried to devour you, causing you to fear and to be filled with anxiety?
  - b. What must we do to fight against this spiritual force that seeks to destroy our faith? **See Ephesians 6:10-18**
4. In what ways has the message that Dawn spoke encouraged you to trust God even when things don’t make sense and to realize that there are both angelic beings, both good and evil, that are at work in our world and at work in our lives today?

**Closing:** We live in a physical and spiritual world. While many people only focus on the physical, it’s imperative that as believers understand that there is much more to this life than which meets the eye. For a great video overview on spiritual beings, scan this qr code with your phone camera!

