

## "Glory to God in the highest"

**Text:**        **Luke 2:14**

**Intro:**

- Probably one of the most profound statements given to mankind is found in our verse.
- In just three simple words "**Glory to God**", the formula is given if followed will result in -
  - "**on earth peace**"
  - "**good will toward men**"
- For six thousand years man has been trying to bring in peace on this earth.
- He has failed miserably.
- September the 11th is proof positive of that.
- The problem being man has been looking earthward instead of heavenward for the solution to his problem.
- And still the results have continued to be the same -
  - no peace on the earth
  - only wars and rumors of wars
- This morning I want to examine the two statements "**on earth peace**" and "**good will toward men.**"

## **I. On Earth Peace**

- Man over the centuries has become very good at building organizations and institutions for the purpose of bring peace on this earth.
- Perhaps, the greatest example of this would be the so called **United Nations** which is headquartered in New York City.
  - Notice the terrorists did target the UN did they?
  - It makes sense doesn't it.
  - The UN is nothing but a terrorist organization funded and maintain by the United States.
- **Read:**
  - **History of UN**
  - **Preamble**
  - **Purpose**
- The United Nations has been just like the Tower of Babel project back in Genesis 11.
  - It has failed miserably.
- You see anytime man undertakes something and leaves Almighty God out of the formula it is going to be nothing but a big flop.
- Nothing but a lot of rhetoric on paper with very little substance.
- What man fails to see is that you cannot legislate a change in a person's heart.

- The change in a man's heart has to take place inward for the results to show outward.
- There has to be a change within before there can be a change without.
- **The Word of God has a lot to say about the heart for example**
  - **Jeremiah tells us about the condition of the heart in Jeremiah 17:9**
  - **Jesus reminds us what takes place in the human heart - Mt. 15:17-20.**
  - **James tells us the source of all wars - James 4:1.**
- That is why God had to intervene on our behalf and bring someone into this sin sick world, someone who could change the sinner's sick heart.
- God brought into this world His only begotten Son.
- His Son has many names and titles.
- The one I use here is the Prince of Peace.
- The Prince of Peace is a person allows Him can and will change the sinner's sin sick heart.
- And in exchange He will -
  - Give them a new heart and put a new spirit in them
  - Take away the stony heart out of the flesh and give them a heart of flesh.
- You see the problem is until man stops giving himself the glory and starts giving God the glory no peace will come to this earth.

- The last time there were no earthly conflicts is when the Lord Jesus Christ walked this earth.
- The word of God tells us that peace on this earth will only occur when the Lord returns to setup his literal, physical, earthly kingdom where He will rule and reign for 1,000 years.
- **This Kingdom is -**
  - **Promised to Mary - Luke 1:31-33.**
  - **Propheesied by Isaiah - Isaiah 11:1-5**
  - **Performed according to John - Revelation 19:10-16.**
- Let's look at our second statement connected with "Glory to God in the highest" in **Luke 2:14.**

## **II. Good Will Toward Men**

- We saw to have "on earth peace" there first has to be "**Glory to God**".
- To have "**Good will toward men**" once again the solution is found heavenward and not earthward.
- We have seen this illustrated in the present day with what is happening in Israel.
  - No matter how much money this country throws at Israel or the Palestinians for that matter –
  - You will never have these two parties have genuine heart felt good will toward one another.
  - You have token lip service and photo opts but just surface stuff.
  - They go right back to killing one another.

- Again, the solution is found heavenward not at Camp David.
- **Please turn to Mark 12:29-31.**
  - You see in order for to **v. 31** to happen, which is essentially good will toward men –
    - You must do what is first commanded in **v. 30**.
- But what is promoted and pushed in this world is only **v. 31 not v. 30**.
  - You see God is totally kick out of the picture.
  - Just like He has been in our schools
- Nothing about God is taught in our public school only tolerance and acceptance for perversion which is called loving your neighbor.
- Only until **v. 30** happens will there be genuine good will toward men.
  - Not the manufactured kind that you see especially around the holidays by these so called charities.
  - All most of these charities are nothing but fronts for the liberal left wing agenda of this country.
  - A lot of the donated money goes to pay the high salaries and benefit packages of the charities administrative staff.
- They supposedly promote good will toward men.
- By the way a large portion of the money collected for the families of the victims of Sep. 11 has not even been paid out yet.
- These charities will make you feel that you are showing good will toward men by giving to them.

- Most of these charities are godless.
- And the ones that started out godly have become like all the rest –  
Amen!
- Despite the billions of dollars given to charities each year still no good will toward men.
  - Why?
  - Because before you can have good will toward men your heart has to have been changed.
  - The only way this is going to happen is if every man, woman, boy, and girl – **“thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength”**
- Again, the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ can change the human heart to make it possible for someone to **“love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength”**
- However, He does not force Himself on anyone.
  - He is willing and waiting to make the change that is needed.
- But you first must allow Him to do it.
- And if you will come to Him notice what He has promised –
  - **“...him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” John 6:37.**

- **“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD:  
though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;  
though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” Isaiah  
1:18**
- **“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my  
voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup  
with him, and he with me.” – Rev. 3:20**

**Conclusion:**

- We have seen in order to have **“on earth peace”**
  - First, you must give **“Glory to God”**
- We have seen in order to have good will toward men
  - Again first you must give **“Glory to God”**
  - And you must love God with everything you got.
- But these things can only occur if an inner change has taken place in the heart.
- The Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ wants to make that change to your heart.
- My friend, Won't you let Him today?
- Won't you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Believe in your heart that he died for your sins, was buried, and rose the third day to pay for your sins and keep you from going to a sinner's hell.

- Yes, Today, the Prince of Peace wants to forgive you of your sins, give you eternal life, give you a changed heart and a new spirit.
- Why?
- So, that you can truly do what the Heavenly Host proclaimed at the birth our Lord –
  - **Give Glory to God**
  - **Have Good will toward men**
  - **So, there can be on earth peace.**