

Sunday, December 13th, 2020

Title: Silent Night, Holy Night

Text: Luke 1:26 -38

Introduction:

Review of the last Sunday's devotional:
The First Noel

1. Noel, Good News – Born (Noel) This Day
2. Noel, Good News – of Great Joy
3. Noel, Good News – A Savior

Reading: Luke 1:26 - 38

1. First Mention:

The First Mention Principle: "God indicates in the first mention of a subject the truth with which that subject stands in connected in the mind of God."

In both the KJV, NKJV and NASB translations the first occurrence of the word "holy" is in Exodus 3:5; "Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place you are standing is holy ground."

1.1) The ten plagues, Exodus 7 to Exodus 12
God's judgment on gods of Egypt (Nile to blood: Hapi, Isis and Khnum; frogs: Heqet; gnats: Set; flies: Re and Uatchit; death of livestock: Hathor and Apis; boils: Sekhmet, Sunu and Isis; hail: Nut, Osiris and Set; Locusts: Nut and Osiris; Darkness: Re, Horus, Nut and Hathor; Death firstborn: Min, Heqet and Isis)

1.2) Israel brought out of slavery and brought through the Red Sea, Exodus 13 and 14

1.3) All by the power of the blood, Exodus 12

2. First Declaration:

Luke 1:35, "And the angel answered her, "the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – Son of God."

2.1) Jesus Christ, the Holy God, came to destroy the works of the devil, "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the words of the devil." 1 John 3:8

2.2) Jesus Christ, the Holy God, came to seek and save the lost, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Romans 6:12 – 14, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. (13) Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. (14) For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace."

2.3) Christ, the Holy God, saves us by His blood:

~ Ephesians 1:7, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,"

~ Colossians 1:20, "and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."

~ Hebrews 9:14 & 22, "How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our conscience from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!" (22) "In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

3. First Response:

~ Acts 4:27 – 30

"for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, (28) to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. (29) And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, (30) while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

~ Revelation 4 and 5