

SERIES: SILENT NIGHT #1

TITLE: PEACE ON EARTH.

- Luke 2:6-7 (KJV) ⁶And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and **laid him in a manger**; because there was no room for them in the inn.

SO: HOW DO WE FIND PEACE ON EARTH?

- Luke 12:51 (NIV) Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? **No**, I tell you, but division.
- John 16:33 (NIV) “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. **In this world you will have trouble**. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

I want to share some things that can rob us of peace:

A. UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

- Jeremiah 4:20 (NIV) Disaster follows disaster; the whole land lies in ruins. In an instant my tents are destroyed, my shelter in a moment.

B. UNBEARABLE PEOPLE.

- Psalm 109:3 (NIV) With words of hatred they surround me; they attack me without cause.

C. UNEXPLAINABLE PROBLEMS.

- **Even Jesus said:** Matthew 27:46 (NIV) About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli,* ^[a] *lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, **why** have you forsaken me?”).^[1]

D. UNCONTROLLABLE WORRY.

- Jeremiah 6:24 (NIV) We have **heard reports** about them, and our hands hang limp. Anguish has gripped us, pain like that of a woman in labor.
- Luke 2:10-14 (KJV) ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

- John 14:27 (TLB) “I am leaving you with a gift—**peace of mind and heart!** And the peace I give **isn’t fragile like the peace the world gives**. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”^[a]

If you want Gods favor:

1. RECEIVE GOD’S PARDON.

- Romans 5:1 (NIV) Therefore, since we have been **justified through faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2. RUN TO GOD’S PRESENCE.

- Isaiah 26:3 (NIV) You will keep in perfect peace those **whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you**.

3. RESPECT GOD’S PRINCIPLES.

- Psalm 119:165 (NIV) **Great peace** have those who **love your law**, and nothing can make them stumble.

4. RELY ON GOD’S PROVISION.

- Philippians 4:6-7 (TLB) ⁶ **Don't worry** about anything; instead, **pray** about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. ⁷ **If you do this**, you will experience **God's peace**, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.