

The Security of Christmas **Luke 1:26–33 (NKJV)**

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

In our day of such insecurity I wanted you to know that Christmas brings security.

Notice the positive assertive statements made in this passage.

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We make plans all the time but we are cautioned to always add “if the Lord will” to our plans.

Having confidence in God does not mean that we know where God will guide our lives.

But it does mean that we know the God who guides our lives.

So let us consider this.

I. Certain Because God’s Plans Are Elaborate.

A. Every detail is taken care of.

1. On June 6, 1944, more than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline, to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which, “we will accept nothing less than full

victory.” More than 5,000 Ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion, and by day’s end, the Allies gained a foot-hold in Continental Europe. The cost in lives on D-Day was high. More than 9,000 Allied Soldiers were killed or wounded, but their sacrifice allowed more than 100,000 Soldiers to begin the slow, hard slog across Europe, to defeat Adolf Hitler’s crack troops. <https://www.army.mil/d-day/index.html>

2. In Desert Storm The U.S. and 40 allied nations, including several Arab nations, flew more than 18,000 air deployment missions, more than 116,000 combat air sorties and dropped 88,500 tons of bombs. After air attacks that lasted for six weeks, the ground campaign lasted only 100 hours before Kuwait was liberated with about 697,000 U.S. troops taking part in the war, with 299 losing their lives.
<https://www.defense.gov/News/Feature-Stories/story/Article/1728715/desert-storm-a-look-back/>

B. So how will God redeem mankind from sin?

1. With a babe born in a manger.
2. With shepherds proclaiming His birth.
3. Do you realize how senseless that sounds.
4. Think of the million misadventures that could mess up that plan.
5. But God does not fail. He never fails.
6. He did not fail to give the land of Canaan to the descendants of Abraham.
7. He did not fail to lead the children of Israel up out of slavery in Egypt.
8. Nor did He fail to lead them 40 years in the wilderness while supplying every need.

C. Have you ever participated in an event that was a total disaster?

1. As the poet wrote of “the best laid schemes of mice n’ men” so often plans do not work out for one reason or another.
2. Many a time in the Old Testament kings would make their battle plans without keeping God in mind and would come to such great failure.
3. At other times a king would just obey God and leave the planing to Him and end us with a great victory.

D. Nothing is forgotten.

1. How does it go.
 - a. For the want of a nail the shoe was lost, for the want of the shoe the horse was lost, for the want of a horse the rider was lost, for want of a rider the battle was lost, for want of a battle the kingdom

was lost and all for the want of a horse shoe nail.

2.



3. On August 27, 1776, the British attacked Brooklyn on three fronts. The British attacked American forces directly on two fronts, but sent a force of about 10,000 men through a little used pass and outflanked the Americans. Caught off guard and outnumbered, only a series of fortuitous events saved the American Revolution.

First, a small group of 400 soldiers from Maryland were able to fight and save the army from a complete rout. This allowed a larger group of Americans to retreat to Brooklyn Heights and avoid capture. Rather than press their advantage, British General William Howe ordered his men to stop the attack and instead dig trenches around the Continental Army. He expected the Americans to surrender. He also expected British ships to sail around and cut off the Americans from their only line of retreat across the river to Manhattan. But the ships never came. Why? Because there was not enough wind to get them there.

Washington had the night to secretly get 9,000 men to safety and keep his

army intact. He ordered every available boat to be taken and used to get his army across the East River. Working throughout the rainy night, the oarsmen in the boats crossed the river multiple times to deliver soldiers across to the other side. The only problem was that as the sun rose, there was still a large part of the Continental Army left in Brooklyn. These men likely would have been killed or captured if they did not cross the river, losses the Americans could not afford.

But the final fortune would smile down on the Americans from Above. A heavy fog settled over the area and the rest of the Continental Army was able to conceal their movements from the British. As the fog lifted, the British were left in amazement as the Continental Army was gone.

- II. God plans are secure because God lacks no wisdom.
- A. We often bewail the fact that we lack the wisdom we need to accomplish so great task.
 - B. But God sends the rich wise men to supply the trip to Egypt.
 - 1. Then he warns Joseph to flee.
 - 2. Matthew tells us that Hosea prophesied this
 - a. Hosea 11:1 (NKJV) “When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.
 - b. Matthew 2:15 (NKJV) and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”
 - C. God moves and entire empire to bring Mary and Joseph to where the Christ must be born, in Bethlehem.
 - 1. Luke 2:1–3 (NKJV)
 - a. 1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.
 - 2. Matthew 2:3–6 (NKJV)
 - a. 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will

shepherd My people Israel.’ ”

III. God’s plans are secure because God is all powerful.

A. When at a hundred years old Abraham was told that he & Sarah would have a son the both laughed. But what was God’s reply.

1. Genesis 17:17 (NKJV) Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?”
2. Genesis 18:12 (NKJV) Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”
3. Genesis 18:14 (NKJV) Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”

We live in an uncertain world where we never know how the day might end.

But our confidence is in God who can accomplish all His desires.

And for His children that is always good.