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# “KEEP UP THE CHRISTMAS DECLARATIONS!”

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LUKE 2:8-20 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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CONTEXT  
THE BEST GIFT IN HISTORY  
THE DELIVERER'S DELIVERY

1 Now it came to pass: in those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus to have the entire [Roman] world register themselves for a tax census. 2 This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 And everyone was going to have themselves registered, each in their own town. (Lk 2:1-3, AT)



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4 So Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea, into the town of David (which is called Bethlehem) because he was of the house and family line of David, 5 to have himself registered with Mary who had been betrothed to him – being pregnant.  
(Lk 2:4-5, AT)

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6 Then it came to pass: when they were there, the days were fulfilled in order for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her Firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no space for them in the lodging place.

(Lk 2:6-7, AT)



LUKE 2:8  
GOOD SHEPHERDS?

And shepherds were in the field nearby, living outdoors and keeping watch over their flock at night.

(Lk 2:8, AT)

LUKE 2:8  
GOOD SHEPHERDS?

So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still **the youngest,**” Jesse answered. “**He is tending the sheep.**” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” (1 Sam 16:11, NIV)

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LUKE 2:8  
GOOD SHEPHERDS?

The LORD [YHWH] is **my shepherd;**

I do not lack. (Ps 23:1, AT)



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GOOD SHEPHERDS?

1 All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. 2 In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD [YHWH] said to you, ‘You will **shepherd** my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.’ ” (2 Sam 5:1-2, NIV)



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GOOD SHEPHERDS?

I will place over them one **shepherd**,  
my servant **David**, and he will tend  
them; he will tend them and be their  
**shepherd**. (Ezk 34:23, NIV)

LUKE 2:8  
GOOD SHEPHERDS?

“But you, **Bethlehem** Ephrathah,  
though you are **small** among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
one who will be **ruler** over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times.” (Mic 5:2, NIV)



LUKE 2:8  
GOOD SHEPHERDS?

4 He will stand and **shepherd** his flock  
in the strength of the LORD [YHWH],  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD [YHWH] his God.  
And they will live securely, for then his **greatness**  
will reach to the ends of the earth. (Mic 5:4, NIV)

LUKE 2:9  
THE GLORY OF  
THE LORD

And an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shined around them, and they became filled with great fear. (Lk 2:9, AT)





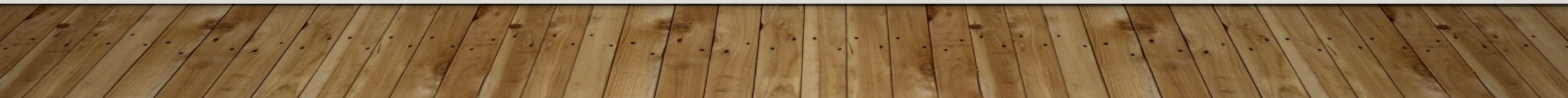
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LUKE 2:9  
THE GLORY OF  
THE LORD

For to us a **child is born**,  
to us a **son is given**,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Is 9:6, NIV)





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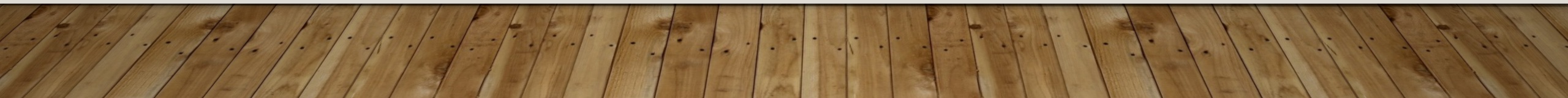
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## LUKE 2:9 THE GLORY OF THE LORD

Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.

He will **reign on David's throne**  
and **over his kingdom**,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and **forever**.

The zeal of the LORD [YHWH] Almighty  
will accomplish this. (Is 9:7, NIV)







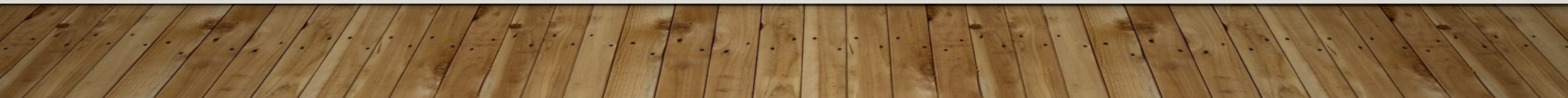
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LUKE 2:9  
THE GLORY OF  
THE LORD

The people walking in **darkness**  
have seen **a great light**;  
on those living in the land of deep **darkness**  
**a light** has dawned. (Is 9:2, NIV)





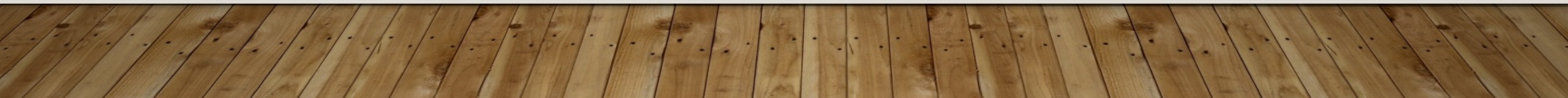
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LUKE 2:10  
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NEWS!

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid!  
For, behold, I bring you good news  
[εὐαγγελίζω | *euangelizō*] of great joy, which  
will be for all the people. (Lk 2:10, AT)







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LUKE 2:10  
GOOD  
NEWS!

How beautiful on the mountains

are the feet of those who bring **good news** [LXX: εὐαγγελίζω (*euangelizō*)],  
who proclaim **peace**,

who bring **good tidings**,

who proclaim **salvation**,

who say to Zion,

**“Your God reigns!”** (Is 52:7, NIV)





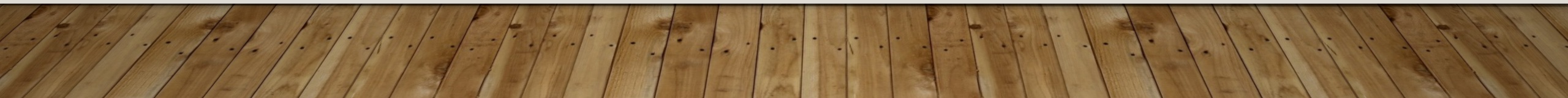
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LUKE 2:10  
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A Priene inscription circa 9 BC hailed Caesar as a **god** whose “**birthday** signaled the beginning of **good news** [εὐαγγέλιον | *euangelion*] for the world.”







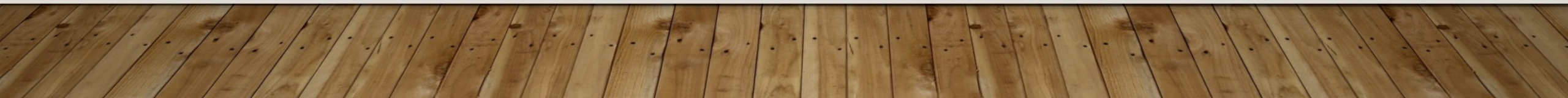
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“[Augustus] is the father of his **divine** homeland Rome, inherited from his **father Zeus**, and a **savior** of the common folk...making **peace** for land and sea... there are fond **hopes** for the future and **good will** during the present which fills **all men.**” (an ancient inscription from Halicarnassus)





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**“Divine Augustus Caesar, son of a god,  
imperator of land and sea, the benefactor  
and savior of the whole world....”**

**(an ancient Myrian inscription)**







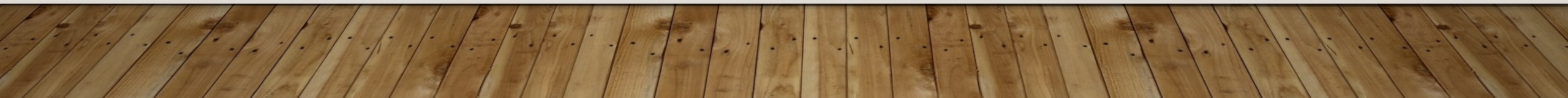
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LUKE 2:11  
TODAY, FOR YOU  
A SAVIOR IS BORN

Today, in the town of David, for you  
has been born a Savior, who is the  
Messiah [Χριστός | *Christos*], the Lord  
[κύριος | *kyrios*]. (Lk 2:11, AT)





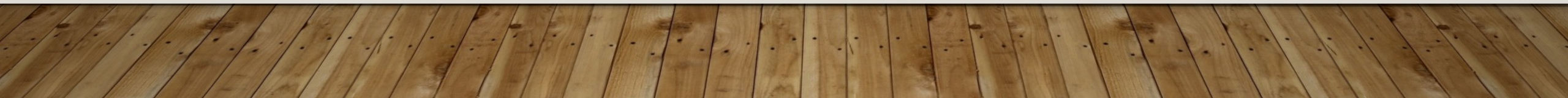
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14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the **power of the Spirit**, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.  
(Lk 4:14-15, NIV)





LUKE 2:11  
TODAY, FOR YOU  
A SAVIOR IS BORN

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: (Lk 4:16-17, NIV)

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18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to **proclaim good news** [εὐαγγελίζω | *euangelizō*] to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim **freedom** for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
19 to proclaim the year of the **Lord’s favor.**”  
(Lk 4:18-19, NIV; cf. Is 61:1-2, 58:6)



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TODAY, FOR YOU  
A SAVIOR IS BORN

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, “**Today** [σήμερον | *sēmeron*] this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” (Lk 4:20-21, NIV)

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TODAY, FOR YOU  
A SAVIOR IS BORN

24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to **forgive sins**”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, **rise**, pick up your bed and go home.” 25 And immediately **he rose up** before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. 26 And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things **today** [σήμερον | *sēmeron*].” (Lk 5:24-26, ESV)



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TODAY, FOR YOU  
A SAVIOR IS BORN

7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” (Lk 19:7-8, NIV)



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LUKE 2:11  
TODAY, FOR YOU  
A SAVIOR IS BORN

9 Jesus said to him, “**Today** [σήμερον | *sēmeron*]  
**salvation** has come to this house, because this  
man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of  
Man came to seek and to **save** the lost.”

(Lk 19:9-10, NIV)





LUKE 2:11  
TODAY, FOR YOU  
A SAVIOR IS BORN

42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, **today** [σήμερον | *sēmeron*] you will be with me in **paradise.**” (Lk 23:42-43, NIV)



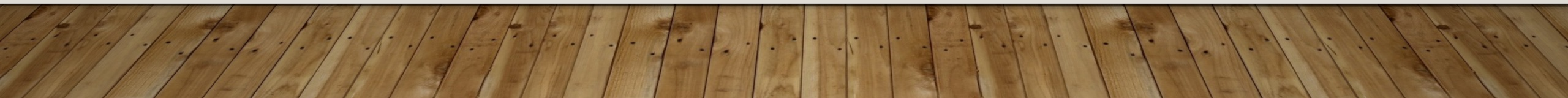
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LUKE 2:11  
TODAY, FOR YOU  
A SAVIOR IS BORN

**The LORD [YHWH] lives! Praise be to my Rock!**

**Exalted be God my Savior! (Ps 18:46, NIV)**





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LUKE 2:11  
TODAY, FOR YOU  
A SAVIOR IS BORN

5 They will receive blessing from the LORD [YHWH]  
and vindication from **God their Savior.**

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, **God of Jacob.**

(Ps 24:5-6, NIV)







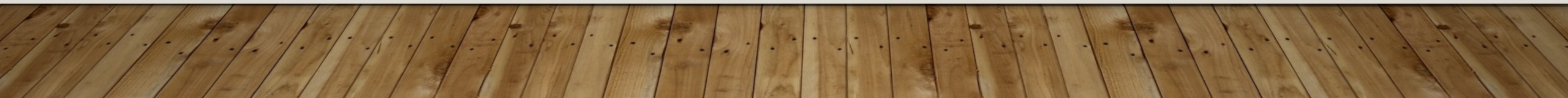
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A SAVIOR IS BORN

Then the angel answered and said to her, [the] Holy Spirit will come upon you and [the] power of [the] Most High will overshadow you. And, thus, the One who is to be born will be called holy [and the] **Son of God.** (Lk 1:35, AT)



LUKE 2:11  
THE MESSIAH,  
WHO IS THE LORD

13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘**What is his name?**’ Then what shall I tell them?”

14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

(Ex 3:13-14, NIV)



LUKE 2:11  
THE MESSIAH,  
WHO IS THE LORD

God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘**The LORD** [Heb. YHWH, Gk. κύριος (*kyrios*)], the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“**This is my name forever,**  
the **name** you shall call me  
from generation to generation.

(Ex 3:15, NIV)

LUKE 2:11  
THE MESSIAH,  
WHO IS THE LORD

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, **both Lord and Messiah.**” (Ac 2:36, NIV)



LUKE 2:11  
THE MESSIAH,  
WHO IS THE LORD

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue acknowledge that **Jesus Christ is Lord** [κύριος | *kyrios*],  
to the glory of God the Father.

(Php 2:9-11, NIV)

LUKE 2:12  
INFANTILE  
INDICATION

And this will be the sign for you, you will find a baby [βρέφος | *brephos*] having been wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. (Lk 2:12, AT)



LUKE 2:12  
INFANTILE  
INDICATION

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the **baby** [βρέφος | *brephos*] leaped **in her womb**, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Lk 1:41, NIV; cf. Lk 1:44)

LUKE 2:12  
INFANTILE  
INDICATION

And she gave birth to her Firstborn Son, and **wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger**, because there was no space for them in the lodging place. (Lk 2:7, AT)



LUKE 2:13  
ARMY FOR PEACE:  
THE HEAVENLY HOSTS

And all of a sudden, with the angel,  
there was a large number of the army  
of Heaven, praising God and saying:  
(Lk 2:13, AT)

LUKE 2:13  
ARMY FOR PEACE:  
THE HEAVENLY HOSTS

**The LORD [YHWH] Almighty** is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Ps 46:7, NIV)

**The LORD [YHWH] of hosts** is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge. (Ps 46:7, NRSV)





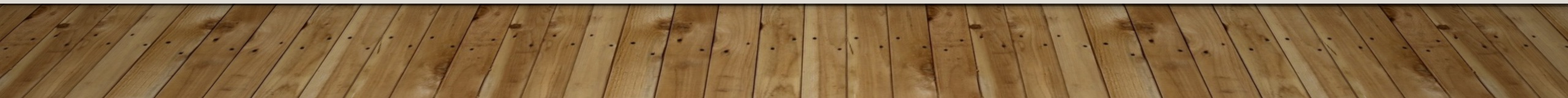
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LUKE 2:13  
ARMY FOR PEACE:  
THE HEAVENLY HOSTS

Praise him, all his **angels**;  
praise him, all his **heavenly hosts**.  
(Ps 148:2, NIV)





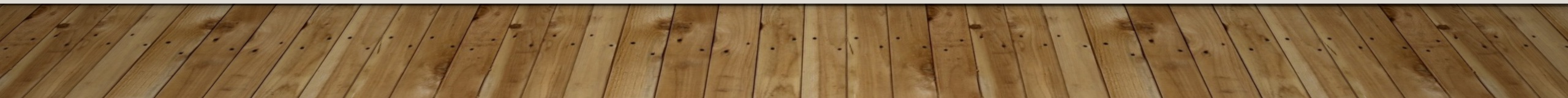
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LUKE 2:14  
PEACE ON EARTH,  
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN?

Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace,  
**Good will [εὐδοκία | *eudokia*] toward men.**  
(Lk 2:14, KJV)





LUKE 2:14  
PEACE ON EARTH,  
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN?

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those **on whom his favor rests** [εὐδοκία | *eudokia*].”  
(Lk 2:14, NIV)

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace **among those whom he favors** [εὐδοκία | *eudokia*]!”  
(Lk 2:14, NRSV)

“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace **among those with whom he is pleased** [εὐδοκία | *eudokia*]!”  
(Lk 2:14, ESV)



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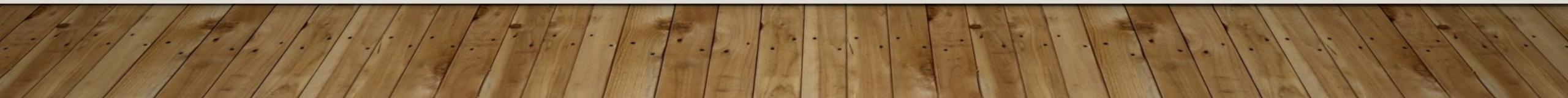
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LUKE 2:14  
ON EARTH, PEACE AMONG  
THE FAITHFUL GOD FAVORS

**Glory**, in the **Highest [Heaven]**, to **God**,

and **on earth**, **peace** among **people He favors** [εὐδοκία | *eudokia*].

(Lk 2:14, AT)





LUKE 2:14  
ON EARTH, PEACE AMONG  
THE FAITHFUL GOD FAVORS

and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am **well pleased** [εὐδοκέω | *eudokeō*].”

(Lk 3:22, NIV)

LUKE 2:14  
ON EARTH, PEACE AMONG  
THE FAITHFUL GOD FAVORS

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your  
Father has been **pleased** [εὐδοκέω |  
*eudokeō*] to give you the kingdom”  
(Lk 12:32, NIV; cf. Lk 10:21)






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LUKE 2:14  
ON EARTH, PEACE AMONG  
THE FAITHFUL GOD FAVORS

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



LUKE 2:14  
ON EARTH, PEACE AMONG  
THE FAITHFUL GOD FAVORS

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old has passed away; the new has come! 18 All this is from God who **reconciled** us to Himself **through Christ** and gave to us the ministry of **reconciliation**. 19 That is, **in Christ**, God was **reconciling the world to Himself** – not counting their transgressions against them – and He entrusted to us the message of **reconciliation**.

(2 Cor 5:17-19, AT)



LUKE 2:14  
ON EARTH, PEACE AMONG  
THE FAITHFUL GOD FAVORS

Therefore, we are **ambassadors** on Christ's behalf – as God makes His appeal through us. We beg you, on Christ's behalf: be **reconciled to God.** (2 Cor 5:20, AT)

## LUKE 2:15-18 CHRISTMAS DECLARATIONS

15 And it came to pass: When the angels went away from them back to Heaven, the shepherds were saying to each other, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us!" 16 And they went off in a hurry and found both Mary and Joseph – and the Baby lying in the manger. 17 And having seen [them], they made known what was spoken to them about this Child. 18 And all who heard were amazed at what was spoken to them by the shepherds (Lk 2:15-18, AT)



LUKE 2:19  
KEEP CHRISTMAS DECLARATIONS  
IN YOUR HEART

But Mary was treasuring up all these things, pondering [them] in her heart. (Lk 2:19, AT)

LUKE 2:19  
KEEP CHRISTMAS DECLARATIONS  
IN YOUR HEART

12 Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. 14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. (Lk 8:12-14, NIV)





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LUKE 2:19  
KEEP CHRISTMAS DECLARATIONS  
IN YOUR HEART

**But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. (Lk 8:15, NIV)**



LUKE 2:20  
GOOD  
SHEPHERDS

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen – just as it was spoken to them. (Lk 2:20, AT)