**R829a Special Christmas Rumination for Dec 25, 2020**

The **T**heme: **Fear Not: Believe Only** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *When Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying,* ***Fear not: believe only****…*Lk. 8:50

The **T**hots:

Intro.: For those who did not know the reason for the season,

 the Season brought **F**ear to the **F**ollowing People involved.

 However, in all cases God sent His **A**ngel to **A**llay the Fears of **A**ll who were **A**fraid.

1. **Fear Not, Joseph…only Believe. Matt. 1:18-20**
2. Joseph had **D**eclared that he would Marry Mary as his wife –

*Mary was espoused to Joseph…* 1:18a

1. But later he **D**iscovered that Mary was with Child. He **D**readed.

*Before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.* Matt. 1:18b

*So her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting*

*to* ***D****isgrace her publicly,* ***D****ecided to* ***D****ivorce her secretly*.Mt. 1:19**,** HCSB

1. Then *behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a* ***D****ream, saying,*

***Joseph…Fear not*** *to take unto thee Mary thy wife:*

*for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.* Matt. 1:20

1. Joseph believed and he **D**etermined to take Mary to be his wife. Mt.1:24-25, NRSV

*When Joseph awoke from sleep, he* ***D****id as the angel of the Lord commanded him;*

*he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named Him* ***Jesus****.*

1. This was as **D**irected by the Angel to him: Mt. 1:21b

*She shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS:*

*for He shall save His people from their sins.*

* Thus, Jesus was born that first Christmas night. Lk. 2:11

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

1. **Fear not, Mary…Only Believe.**
2. Mary was **F**earful, when told that she, a virgin, was with Child. Lk. 1:33

*Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?*

1. That was because Mary was **F**avoured by God. Lk. 1:28

*The angel…said…thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee:*

*blessed art thou among women.*

1. The angel, therefore, asked her not to **F**ear:

***Fear not****, Mary: for thou hast* ***F****ound* ***F****avour with God.* Lk. 1:30

 The Reason for the Occasion: Lk. 1:31-33

1. Mary’s Special **C**onception: (she was a Virgin!)

*Behold, thou shalt* ***C****onceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son,*

 *and shalt* ***C****all His name JESUS.*

1. The Son’s **C**alling: *He shall be great, and shall be* ***C****alled the Son of the Highest:*
2. The Son’s **C**oronation: *the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David*
3. The Son’s **C**rown: *And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever;*

 *and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*

1. Mary had **F**aith in God. Lk. 1:38

*Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word*

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1. Mary was **F**aithful to God. She **B**elieved and gave **B**irth to Jesus. Lk. 2:7

*And she brought* ***F****orth her* ***F****irstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes,*

*and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*

* Thus, Jesus was **B**orn in **B**ethlehem that first Christmas night: Matt. 2:1-2

*Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea…behold, there came wise men*

*from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews?*

*For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him.*

*And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.* Mt. 2:11

* Let us too bring our Sacrifices of **P**raise and **P**resents this Day to **Worship** Him.
1. **Fear not, Shepherds…Only Believe. Lk. 2::8-10**

*The angel said unto them,* ***Fear not****: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

1. It was a **S**tarry night and **S**hepherds were Watching their **S**heep in the field. Lk. 2:8

*There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field,*

 *keeping watch over their flock by night.*

1. The **S**hepherds were **S**cared at the **S**udden **S**ight of the Angel

 and the **S**hining Glory of God. Lk. 2:9

*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord*

***S****hone round about them: and they were* ***S****ore afraid.*

1. Listen to what the Angel **S**aid to the **S**hepherds: Lk. 2:10
2. Be not **S**cared**: *Fear not:***

***F****or, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,*

*which shall be to all people.*

***F****or unto you is born this day in the city of David a* ***S****aviour,*

*which is Christ the Lord.*

 *This shall be a* ***S****ign unto you;*

 *Ye shall find the babe wrapped in* ***S****waddling clothes,*

 *lying in a manger.*

*And* ***S****uddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God,*

*and* ***S****aying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

1. **S**ee what the **S**hepherds **S**aw: Lk. 2:16, 17, 20

*They came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.*

*When they had* ***S****een it, they made known abroad the* ***S****aying…concerning this Child.*

*And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and* ***S****een, as it was told unto them.* Lk. 2:20

* The **S**hepherds Heard and **S**aw and they Believed and Glorified God.

This was the Reason for the Season. Do you Believe it? **REFLECT**

***Wishing you A Blessed Christmas 2020***

***And A Bountiful New Year 2021.***

***From My Wife, Family and Myself.***



**S**ee you at the **S**pecial Christmas **S**ong **S**ervice at Burmah Road Gospel Hall at 11.00a.m. or 8.00p.m. on Christmas Day. Just click on the URL below:

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 Date : Friday 25th December 2020 Time : 11am or 8pm

**OR**

