

A SEASON TO CELEBRATE

Lesson Three: A Season to Worship – Luke 1:26 - 38

INTRODUCTION

- Christmas is the biggest commercial holiday in the United States.
- Many people begin their Christmas shopping before Thanksgiving.
- Black Friday and Cyber Monday are often as important as Thanksgiving.
- The season before Christmas should be filled with peace and happiness.
- Too often we experience a holiday of worry and stress.
- Amid the excitement and bustle of the season, we can easily become so frazzled, we lose perspective of Christmas is all about.

I. The _____ of Peace: *Verses 26 – 28*

A. Given in a _____: *1 Corinthians 16:29*

B. Given to a _____: *Luke 1:34, Matthew 1:18, Isaiah 7:14.*

II. The _____ for Worship: *Verses 31- 33*

A. Because of Christ's _____: *Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 22:13; Acts 4:12;*

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B. Because of Christ's _____: *Luke 1:32-33.*

1. *He is the _____: John 1:14; Genesis 1:1; John 1:1.*

2. *He is _____: Colossians 2:9.*

3. *He is _____: Hebrews 1:6-8; Matthew 1:1; 2 Samuel 7:12-13; John 1:11; Revelation 19:16.*

III. The _____ of Mary: Verse 38

A. She consented to God's _____: *Luke 22:42; Luke 1:35; John 1:14; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 9:14*

B. She consented to God's _____: *Jeremiah 29:11; 1 Kings 8:56; Luke 1:46-55.*

CONCLUSION:

- **As you make your Christmas lists and check them twice, make sure you are setting up for a season of worship.**
- **Worship is made possible as we, like Mary, believe the Word of God about who Jesus is and why He came: *2 Corinthians 5:21.***
- **Worship comes as we yield our will to God's will and find peace in His promises.**

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