

**“The World of Angels”**  
Luke 1:5-25  
Sunday, December 3, 2023

**Introduction:** Let me begin by asking you three questions about angels.

**1. Do you believe in angels?**

- They are mentioned directly or indirectly over 300 times in the Bible.
- The Bible says that there are countless thousands of angels (Hebrews 12:22).
- The Bible says God created angels before He made the universe (Job 38:4-7).

**2. Do you believe every believer has a personal guardian angel?**

- Some will answer “yes others will answer “no” and some will answer “I don’t know.”
- The Scripture verse that relates to this is Matthew 18:10.
- This verse does not say that every believer has a personal guarding angel.
- It says that’s believers are served by angels in general.

**3. Have you ever seen an angel?** The Bible says, “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels” (Hebrews 13:2).

In our Scripture text today, we see the angel Gabriel telling Zacharias that his wife Elizabeth would have a son and that his name would be John. Let’s look at the text.

**Text:** Luke 1:5-25

The angel Gabriel told Zacharias their son would be great in the eyes of God (Luke 1:15). The things that would make him great in the eyes of God are things every believer should enthusiastically desire in their life.

**1. Every believer should have an enthusiastic desire in personal separation to God.**

- The angel said that John would not drink wine or strong drink which was part of the Nazarite vow (Numbers 6:1-21).
- Zacharias would have been familiar with that.

**Application:** The point is not wine or strong drink or any part of the Nazarite vow. The point is that every believer should have an enthusiastic desire to have personal separation to God. Personal separation to God means there are things in life we must separate from.

**Illustration:** “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold all things are become new” (2 Cor. 5:17).

**2. Every believer should have an enthusiastic desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit.**

- Understanding that Jesus calls His followers to live life in a way that is impossible in our own strength.
- Only the empowering of God’s Spirit enables us to live godly lives.

**Application:** We must strive daily to live in such a way as not to quench or grieve the Holy Spirit.

**3. Every believer should have an enthusiastic desire to turn people to Jesus.**

- This desire will impact how we live our life.

- This desire will impact what we say.
- This desire will make a difference in how we react to people.
- This desire will drive us to pray for people who need Jesus.
- This desire will lead us to share Christ with others.

**Conclusion:** Being great in the sight of God is the only kind of greatness that really matters.