

“Do Angels Sing?”

December 4, 2018

First Look

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Do angels sing? I realize at first glimpse this seems to be an odd question; especially at Christmas. Let’s face it, we all know and sing the inspiring words of James Chadwick who in 1862 penned the following words:

“Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plain, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!”

Everyone knows that angels sing, but do they really? Not to be a stickler for details but go back to the classic account of the Christmas story in Luke, the great church historian who wrote:

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.’” (Luke 2:13-14 KJV)

Did you notice it? Luke did not say “singing” but he wrote “saying.” Makes one wonder? Years ago a good friend of my Dr. David Dykes, pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, spoke to a church I was serving and raised this very issue to the assembled crowd. In 1996, Dr. Dykes had written a book entitled *“Angels Really Do Exist.”* In the book he explored all the wonderful things the Bible had to say about angels. In addition, he had interviews with countless people who had had personal encounters with what they later believed to be angels. Thus, as somewhat of an angel expert, he suggested that angels do not sing. What if he is right? What would that mean?

Speaking of angels, I love the insight from Gregory, age 5, who too was an expert. In fact, he shared with his grandmother, “I know the names of two angels—Hark and Harold.” (I could not pass it up...smile).

Let me suggest a possible implication: if angels don’t sing, then why did God create us to sing? I’m convinced He created us to sing and make music because He loves the sound of our voices lifting praise and worship to His name. Since we have been created in His image, as His sons and daughters, His Spirit lives and abides deep inside of us and therefore we all have a song to sing.

Granted, some of us excel at hitting the notes and blending in wonderful melody; but frankly, when one’s heart is in the right place, they can never really hit a wrong note as far as our Heavenly Father may be concerned.

Our heartfelt music and singing can glorify God in ways not even the angels can touch. This weekend our worship center will be filled with the wonders of heaven on earth as our musicians present first to God and then to our community “The Gift of Christmas,” a inspiring time of worship and praise seeking to remind one and all that “Jesus is the reason for the season” without any doubt.

I want to encourage you to make a point to kick off your celebration of Christmas with us this weekend either on Saturday or Sunday evening and bring your friends and family with you. I am confident it will be an evening of worship and praise that will warm our hearts and glorify the King of Christmas, our Lord Jesus.

Let me close with the words of the Psalm who would strongly encourage you to sing along with the Christmas carols as he wrote:

“Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praise to him, tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!” (Psalm 105:1-3 ESV)

I know, I know some of you still protest saying “I cannot carry a tune in a bucket”, but the Psalmist also added, “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth” (Psalm 100:1 ESV). I don’t know for sure what a joyful noise sounds like, but I bet it sounds a whole lot like Christmas!

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Financial Statistics for December 2, 2018

Tithes and Offerings

Received: **\$33,330**

Month-to-date Received: **\$33,330**

Building Fund

Received: **\$1,180**

Month-to-date Received: **\$680**

Weekly Attendance Report

Sunday School Attendance: **371**

Worship Attendance: : **543**

