CHRISTMAS SERIES

"LESSONS FROM THE ANNUNCIATION OF CHRIST'S BIRTH"

<u>LUKE 1:26-38</u> <u>PART TWO</u>

<u>"A SAVIOR TO BE WORSHIPPED"</u>

LUKE 1:31-33

INTRO: Last week when we began our CHRISTMAS SERIES entitled: "LESSONS FROM THE ANNUNCIATION OF CHRIST'S BIRTH," from Luke 1:26-38, we studied that because of WHO GOD IS, as believers in Christ, THERE IS NO NEED TO FEAR. Today as we continue the series, we will note that in Christ THERE IS A SAVIOR TO BE WORSHIPPED.

A SERIOUS OBSERVATION: The Christmas Season should be one of true PRAISE AND WORSHIP to God. But all too often, even as believers, we get lost in the shuffle of SEASONAL ACTIVITY, to the point that the GREATNESS OF OUR SAVIOR is lost in the details. THAT MUST BREAK THE HEART OF OUR SAVIOR! IN JESUS CHRIST, WE HAVE A SAVIOR TO BE WORSHIPPED, AND THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR, ALONG WITH THE "RESURRECTION SEASON," IS THE TIME WHEN OUR WORSHIP OF HIM SHOULD BE AT A PEAK! HOW IS IT IN YOUR LIFE TODAY?

O COME LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD!

I. A PROPHECY OF THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH - VS. 31a

- A. The Savior's Immaculate Conception
 - "THOU SHALT CONCEIVE IN THY WOMB"
 - 1. No Outside Human Action was Taken
 - 2. All was the Work of God Vs. 35
- B. The Savior's Miraculous Birth

"BRING FORTH A SON"

- 1. As Prophesied in Scripture Isaiah 9:6
- 2. As Prepared for the Cross Hebrews 10:5

II. A PRESENTATION OF THE SAVIOR'S LIFE - VSS. 31b-33

- A. As Revealed in His Name Vs. 31b
 - "SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS" (Cp. Matthew 1:21,25)
 - 1. "Jesus" means "SALVATION IS OF THE LORD"
 - 2. Jesus' Name described His Mission Luke 19:10
- B. As Revealed in His Greatness Vs. 32a

"HE SHALL BE GREAT"

NOTE: The word "GREAT" is "MEGAS" and means "EXCEEDINGLY GREAT"

- 1. His GREATNESS indicates Christ is distinguished in POWER, WISDOM ABOVE ALL IN HEAVEN AND EARTH.
 - 2. His GREATNESS is revealed in a Myriad of ways:
 - -His Teachings, His Life, His Miracles, His Death, His Resurrection, etc.
 - C. As Revealed in His Deity Vs. 32b

"CALLED THE SON OF THE HIGHEST"

NOTE: The phrase "SON OF THE HIGHEST" implies the ETERNAL RELATIONSHIP between the Father and the Son. The very phrase "SON OF THE HIGHEST" indicates the FULL DIETY OF JESUS CHRIST.

- 1. Jesus was the SON OF GOD from all eternity Psalm 7:7,12
- 2. Jesus was the SON OF GOD when He came to Earth John 3:16
- 3. Jesus was the SON OF GOD not the Son of Joseph Matthew 1:25

D. As Revealed in His Millennial Reign - Vs. 32c

"THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID"

<u>NOTE:</u> Jesus is the <u>SON OF GOD</u> from the DIVINE PERSPECTIVE. But He is also the <u>SON OF DAVID</u> according to His Jewish Lineage as received from Mary His mother.

- 1. God promised King David a successor to his Throne 2 Samuel 7:16
- 2. God's promise to Kind David will be fulfilled when Christ reigns over Israel in the Millennium. Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 11:26
 - E. As Revealed in His Eternal Kingship Vs. 33

"HE SHALL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER; AND OF HIS KINGDOM THERE SHALL BE NO END."

- 1. Over the House of Jacob (Israel) Vs. 33a
 - -Israel will eventually recognize Christ AS THEIR KING.
- 2. Over ALL ETERNITY Vs. 33b
 - -Christ's reign begins at the MILLENNIUM and will go FOREVER.

III. THE PRAISE OF THE SAVIOR'S PEOPLE

- A. As Seen in Mary's Praise Luke 1:46,47
- B. As Seen in the Shepherds Response Luke 2:20
- C. As Seen in Simeon's Adoration Luke 2:25-30
- D. As Seen in Anna's Thanksgiving Luke 2:36-38
- E. As Seen in in the Magi's Gifts Matthew 2:11
- F. As Seen in True Believer's Lives Today -?

LESSON/APPLICATION

SO, WHAT ABOUT US TODAY? ARE WE TRULY WORSHIPPING CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS? HOW CAN WE WORSHIP CHRIST BIBLICALLY?

- 1) Be Certain to Know Christ as Personal Savior
- 2) Be Sure to Keep Christ in the Center of your Thoughts
- 3) Be Aware NOT to exchange CHRIST for EVENTS.
- 4) Be Determined to Keep Christ in your Focus
- 5) Be Active in sharing the Reason For the Season JESUS CHRIST'S BIRTH