



The Promise of a Savior

2024 ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Advent 2024 Devotionals - Week 4

For the final week of Advent 2024, we will continue looking into the Promises of God, focusing on the main characters in the Nativity Story. Mary, Joseph, and the Shepherds are those lives touched by these promises. His Promises are rich every day. If we think back through scripture, His Promises extend from Genesis 1 and through the books of the New Testament. We will unwrap His Promises and determine what each holds for us today. Along the way, we may find a few surprises or a fresh perspective on what each promise gives us.

Pam and I hope your time reading these devotionals is blessed during this Advent season.

All scriptural references are from the English Standard Version of the Holy Bible.





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Advent 2024 Week 4 - Sunday - See What The Lord Can Do

Have you tried to compare what God can do with what humankind can do? Granted, humans can accomplish some amazing things. If we look at the seven wonders of the ancient world, we see some impressive feats of engineering and construction. But, over time, these wonders fall into decay or disrepair. Their magnificence is finite. But, in what God is capable of, we see limitless possibilities.

One of the most memorable is the story of Mary and her encounter with the Angel Gabriel as shared in Luke 1:28-31, "And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus."

This example shows God's ability to do what no mortal can. The facilitation of a virgin birth defies anything we humans can accomplish. Take, for example, what we call miracle healings. I know of two such occurrences where friends were healed of severe medical conditions without medical intervention. Healing through the power of prayer. We cannot fully conceive what the Lord can do. Yet we try to limit what he can accomplish by foolishly thinking He is just as limited as we are. Imagine if we prayerfully ask the Lord to move powerfully in our lives. In this season of Advent, let's begin with prayer and ask the Lord to work within us to serve Him better.

Leaning On Jesus
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