

Gabriel

“They Were Told”

And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

- Luke 1:19 ESV

“And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth.”
Luke 1:26

Has an angel ever appeared to you? It could. Angels are mentioned 117 times in the Old Testament and 180 times in the New Testament. The angel Gabriel who many think was the most important because he was called by name, and because he had an awesome assignment, is probably the one that most people accept or reject. He identified himself simply as, “*I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God.*” Luke 1:19 RSV

How do you feel about angels? Are they real? Could one appear today? The angel Gabriel was sent to earth during the lifetime of Daniel to interpret a vision. Daniel doubted at first. But, after he had time to think things through and realized that it had indeed been an angel sent from God, because

only Daniel was able to interpret the vision. Gabriel was also sent to Zechariah to tell him that his wife, Elizabeth, who had been unable to have a child would bear a son—not just a son, but a very special son who would be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he was born and that he would bring many people back to their Lord and God.

Zachariah asked the angel “*How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.*” Then the angel said to him, “*I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.*” Luke 1:11-20

But the third visit is the one that we remember most often. I wonder how Gabriel felt about these visits. I wonder if he thought they were an honor or if he wondered why he was chosen much like we sometimes wonder why we are the one that should be speaking with someone about our personal Savior and the love they can know if they accept Christ as their personal Savior. It is a wonderful honor but we can sometimes wish someone else was chosen to do a certain job.

Gabriel was sent to a young virgin named Mary in Nazareth to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son. His name would be Jesus. She doubts just as

the others had. Gabriel told her that the baby would be the Son of God. Can you blame her for not believing at first?

The story is very familiar to many of us.

“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Hail, O favored one, The Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind 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. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and The Lord God will give to Him the throne of his father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there will be no end.” And Mary said to the angel, “How shall this be, since I have no husband?” And the angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.” Luke 1:26-35 RSV

WHEN NOTHING ELSE MAKES
SENSE, WE THANK GOD FOR WHO
HE IS AND HOW HE LOVES US.

There is a short play written by Ray Keffer called "Angels on Alert." In it, Gabriel has a conversation with some of the other angels about his trip to earth and the commission he has. They doubt and recall other times that angels have been sent to earth. Then as they review the situation with the people on earth they accept that God sees no other way to help the people on earth know about His love and forgiveness so they can have eternal life with Him. I don't know if the angels discussed Gabriel's visit or not, but if they did they must have wondered why God was sending His son to die for the people on earth. Did they deserve this gift? Do we deserve it today.



There are many things in life that we don't understand. I was told by my Grandmother when I was young that I was too inquisitive. She quoted me that the Bible said "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." 1 Corinthians 13:12 Her interpre-

was not going to know everything on this earth, but I was to trust and have faith and everything would be o.k. Her words have come back to me many times.



Prayer: Heavenly Father, we read your Word, and we wonder. Not because we don't believe you, but because we are only seeing with our human minds and eyes. Help to realize that you are all knowing and will provide the best for us, and help us to understand if we have faith to listen. Amen

1. Do you believe in angels? Angels were messengers many times in the Bible. Is it the Word of God? Was Gabriel a special angel because of the work he did?
2. Would you ever want to be an angel to someone else?
3. What does an angel look like?

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