## l. Luke 2:1-20

- A. Converge To come together; to move toward one point or one another
- B. V14 Two different realms mentioned
  - 1. 1st realm Glory to God in the Highest
    - a) Glory doxa Splendor, brightness, praise, honor, greatness, amazing and glorious
      - (1) The manifest presentation of God's infinite and majestic nature
    - b) Glory to God tells us:
      - (1) Where the glory is to be directed (Glory TO God)
        - (a) Praise, honor and greatness is about HIM!
    - c) <u>In the Highest</u> *hypsistos* Most elevated, loftiest, most high above the earth Heaven
      - (1) Place where God is (in)
        - (a) Ps 33:13-15 13 The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. 14 From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; 15 He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.
      - (2) Place where we belong
        - (a) Phil 3:20-21 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.
          - i) <u>Citizenship</u> politeuma State, place or location in which one has a right to be a citizen
        - (b) <u>John 14:1-3</u> "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am"
  - 2. **2nd realm On Earth** ge The surface of the earth; humans and animals exist
    - a) Intentions of the 1st realm towards the 2nd realm Peace and Goodwill
      - (1) **Peace** eirene State of peace, well being, tranquility, free from worry.
        - (a) **Ps 29:11** 11 The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace.
        - (b) <u>John 14:27-28</u> 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- (2) **Goodwill** *eudokia* A delightful fixed intention of good pleasure and favor; that which pleases someone
  - (a) Ps 5:12 2 For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield. NKJV
  - (b) **Ps 30:5** For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.
- (3) **Toward** *en* preposition of location; in relation to
  - (a) Catch To take hold of or seize
    - i) Phil 3:12 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected;
      but I press on, that I may <u>lay hold of that</u> for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.
    - ii) <u>1 Tim 6:12</u> 12 Fight the good fight of faith, <u>lay hold on eternal life</u>, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
    - iii) Heb 6:18 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us

## II. ACTION STEP:

Let the things drop that the enemy is trying to throw your way and lay hold of (catch) the things that God is throwing toward you!