



FOR THE WEEK OF: December 22, 2002

Has your Small Group signed up to help with SUPPER BOWL IX? It's coming to City Heights Park on Saturday, January 19! We still need a good 500 volunteers and training dates are coming up soon! To get involved, email Tholde1872@aol.com or call (858) 455.7625.

TITLE: Touched by an Angel

MEMORY VERSE: Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. This Sunday we learned that an angel (or messenger's) job was two-fold – to carry out God's plan and to minister to humans. With this in mind, what is the job of a messenger? Where does our opinion and His Word come into play? Where does the source of power lie?
2. We know FAITH is the key to success and blessing for the Christian. What blessings have you been cheated out of due to your lack of faith? (**Hebrews 11: 6** and **James 2:14-18**)
3. Gabriel proclaimed John's separation and preparation (**Luke 1:1-20**). What is God asking you to be separated from?

DAILY WALK - AMOS

1. In **Jude 11**, Jesus' brother lists the reputations of three Old Testament figures that we should "watch out" for, because their fruit has been the ruin of many a believer. See if you can find the Old Testament passages that tell you the story of these three – Cain, Balaam and Korah.
2. What is the threefold challenge of **Revelation 1:3**? Can you think of any application of this for your life? Any other parallel passages come to mind?
3. Do not neglect the Book of Revelation – especially the seven letters to seven churches. Take a moment to explore one of these letters with your Small Group – try the letter to the Church at Ephesus as a starter (**Rev. 2:1-7**).

DIGGING DEEPER (from Stone Tablets)

Read this weeks entry and consider writing a letter to Jesus. In your letter, write out what you would like to give Him this year as a Christmas gift, then wrap it up and put it under the tree. When Christmas is over, put that gift in a prominent place where you will see it and let it be a reminder to you throughout the year of your gift to the King.

HOMEWORK:

- Be a messenger for God this week! Remember the ministry HE has called us to – (**2 Corinthians 15:18-19**) and invite a friend or co-worker to Church this Christmas Eve (*Services will be 6:00 and 7:30 PM*).

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