

December 21, 2025

Today's Message

From Malachi to the Messiah

Today's Main Scripture

Malachi 4:1-6

Support Scripture

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80; Gal 4:4

Main Point

As we continue our hymn study exploring, *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, we turn our eyes to the Book of Malachi. The silence between Malachi's last words in the Old Testament and the cries of a baby in the New Testament must have caused many to doubt the promises of God. Yet God is never late, and His silence never means absence.

- Hall of Fame
- A Promise of Elijah
- Radio Silence
- A Chance of a Lifetime
- Praise Erupts
- *The last thing God said becomes the first thing he fulfills.*

Hymn Lyrics: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. **[Refrain]**

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. **[Refrain]**

Self Reflection:

- 1) In what area of your life has God asked you to wait longer than you would have wanted?
- 2) Have you ever felt like God went silent? How did you respond?
- 3) How does the historical perspective of what God was accomplishing during the 400 years of silence help you to view our current wait for the Savior's return?



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