

2015 Christmas Special

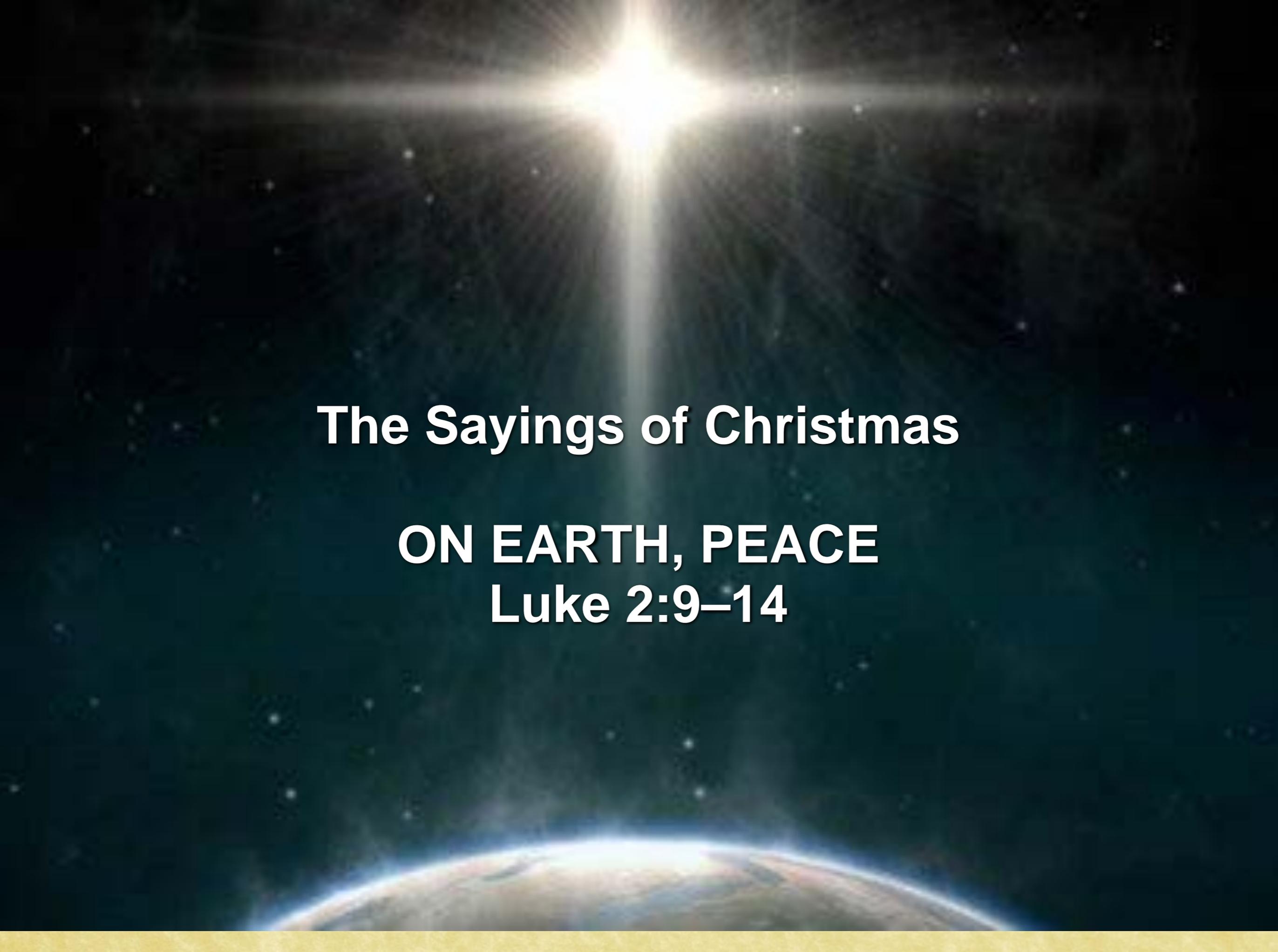
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A bright star shines in a dark night sky, with a view of Earth's horizon at the bottom. The star is positioned at the top center, casting a vertical beam of light down towards the horizon. The Earth's horizon is visible at the bottom, showing a thin layer of atmosphere and the dark surface of the planet. The background is a deep blue-black space filled with numerous small, distant stars.

# **The Sayings of Christmas**

**ON EARTH, PEACE**  
**Luke 2:9–14**

**1. GOD initiates a victorious message of great news.**

**Luke 2:9, “And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.**

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pres mid indic 1 sing  
to proclaim good news;  
often a message of  
victory and one that  
brings mega-joy.**

**Isaiah 52:7,**

**“How beautiful upon the mountains  
Are the feet of him who brings good news  
[*evangelizo*],  
Who proclaims peace [שְׁלוֹמַי *shālôm*],  
Who brings glad tidings [*evangelizo*] of  
good things,  
Who proclaims salvation [יְשׁוּעָה *yeshu‘ah*],  
Who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’ ”**

**Isa. 9:6, “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

**Isa. 9:7, “Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”**

**Isa. 53:5, “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”**

**2. The great message is also one that will bring mega joy to the one who hears with understanding.**

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**3. The message must be understood within the framework of Old Testament Messianic prophecy. These did not distinguish between two comings of Messiah, for they viewed the Messianic mission as one, focusing on both aspects of the suffering and the glory, the cross and the crown.**

**Luke 2:11, “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”**

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**4. Then a sign is announced; that he will be wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.**

**Luke 2:12, “And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”**

## **5. The Angelic army announces peace on earth.**

**Luke 2:13, “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:**

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**εὐδοκία *eudokia***

**genitive fem sing “eudokias” good  
pleasure, good will, approval;  
satisfaction; “of good pleasure, of good  
will.”**

**or Nominative**

***God’s good will among men. MajT***