

# A SOVEREIGN GOD ACTS IN OUR LIVES

## A STUDY OF LUKE 1

### ACROSS THE LANDS

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#### VERSE 1

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory! Let the land and seas rejoice!

#### REFRAIN

You're the author of Creation.  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man,  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

#### VERSE 2

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea,  
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!

#### VERSE 3

With a shout You rose victorious, wrestling vict'ry from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home!

*Scripture Reading:* Matthew 1:18-25

Luke reminds us of three important realities  
from the Christmas story.

1. GOD'S PROVIDENCE (LUKE 1:26-27)
  - a. He determines the best time for all things (Gal. 4:4)
  - b. He knows our specific location (Acts 17:24-27)
  - c. He dispatches His plan through His messenger (Daniel 8:15)
  - d. He orchestrates customs and relationships
2. GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PURPOSES (LUKE 1:28-29)
  - a. The greeting reflects a state of being
  - b. The greeting reflects a reason
  - c. The greeting elicits a response
  - d. The response receives an assurance
3. GOD'S UNFAILING DECREES (LUKE 1:31)

Do we recognize the sovereign acts of God in our lives?

