

Christmas Reflection

Luke 2:8-20

8 There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, 10 but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. 11 This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord! 12 And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God: 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!" 15 When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. 17 When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. 18 All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. 19 Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. 20 The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

Shepherds were viewed as outcasts, dishonest and unclean in Bible times, yet God chose to tell them first about the birth of Jesus.

Thank God that You don't have to be special, or perfect to be chosen Him.

The Shepherds were understandably afraid. The angels told them, "*don't be afraid.*" What are you afraid of?

God says, "don't be afraid."

The angels brought Good news - the Saviour was born. I don't know about you, but when I get good news I can't wait to share it. Who can you share the good news about Jesus with today?

The shepherds glorified and praised God. What can you praise God for this Christmas?

