



How Should We Respond to the Promises of Christmas?

[Luke 2:1-20]

[1] Embrace the Glory of God [2:10-17]

[2] Share the Good News [2:18]

[3] Treasure and Process These Moments [2:19]

[4] Praise God For What He Has Done [2:20]

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. [John 3:16-17]

Study Questions/Prayer

- [1] Read Luke 2:10-17. How can we embrace the glory of God as described in these verses, and what impact does this have on our daily lives?
- [2] Read Luke 2:18. In what ways can we share the good news of Jesus' birth with those around us?
- [3] Read Luke 2:19. How can we treasure and process the moments of God's work in our lives, similar to how Mary pondered these events in her heart in this verse?
- [4] Pray asking God to help your life be a testament of His love and grace: by embracing His glory, sharing the good news of Jesus' birth with those around you, and helping you to treasure and process these sacred advent moments in your heart this season, just as Mary did.

Luke 2:1-5 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. [I Samuel 16:1; Michael 5:2; John 7:42]

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. [Micah 5:2]

Luke 2:6-7 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:8-9 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, [Luke 24:4; Acts 12:7] and the glory of the Lord shone around them, [2 Corinthians 3:18] and they were filled with great fear.

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. [2 Corinthians 3:18]

Luke 2:10-12 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. [Luke 2:32; Zechariah 9:9] ¹¹ For unto you is born this day [Isaiah 9:6] in the city of David a Savior, [Matthew 1:21] who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:13-14 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, [Psalm 103:21, Psalm 148:2, Daniel 7:10, Revelation 5:11] ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:15-20 ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. [Luke 2:51] ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.