

The Shepherds: Hope and Joy Notes

Luke 2:8-20

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Main Point: God moves us through a specific process so we can make spiritual progress.

Five Steps

1. Attentive.

- They were attentive to their _____ (Luke 2:8).
- The phrase “keeping watch” literally means “watching _____.”
- The “Lamb of God” was born in the area set aside for sheep to be _____.
- Jesus is the Good _____ (John 10:11).
- The Shepherd is also a _____ (John 1:29).

2. Awed.

- The shepherds were suddenly awed by an angelic announcement in Luke 2:9.
- The word “appeared” can refer to a sudden _____.
- It would take a lot for these tough guys to be _____.
- To be “sore afraid” or “greatly afraid” literally means “to fear with _____ fear.”

3. Accepted.

- They accepted the message of good news of great _____ (Luke 2:10).
- The Greek is “mega” which means exceedingly, _____, loud, and mighty.
- This message “will be for _____ people.”
- Three words used to describe this baby born in Bethlehem.
 - _____ – He came to save us from our sins. The name Jesus means the one who saves.
 - _____ – This is “The anointed one” or “Messiah” in Hebrew.
 - _____ – This title is the Hebrew word Adonai referring to “Master or Owner.”
- The shepherds were told what to look for in verse 12.
- This sign has two parts.
 - Baby wrapped in _____ cloths.
 - Lying in a _____.
- Suddenly a whole regiment of rejoicing warrior angels fills the sky, _____ God (vs. 14).

4. Acted.

- They went to see so they could _____ what had taken place (Luke 2:16).
- The idea behind “haste” is “come on, _____ up, let’s go!”
- Notice what they did.

- They _____ and saw – found means “to find after a thorough search.”
- Ironies
 - Unclean shepherd come to a manger to see the Holy of Holies lying in it.
 - Shepherds leave their sheep behind to visit the sinless Lamb of God.
 - A millennium earlier, David kept watch over his father’ sheep in this same pasture and now these shepherds see the Son of David born in the City of David.
 - The shepherds are captivated by the Creator born as a creature.
- They left and _____ (vs. 17) – Made known means to “make known in such a way that people can understand.”
- To wonder means “to be amazed and astonished (vs. 18).

5. Adored.

- The shepherds went back tot heir same jobs, but they weren’t the _____ on the inside.
- They _____ to where they started and worked faithfully but now, they were worshipping fervently.