

## THE SONGS OF ADVENT - THE SHEPHERD'S JOY - LUKE 2:8-20 - 12/15/19

### OUTLINE

The announcement of the angel was one of...

1. Great Glory (8-9)
2. Great Joy (10-14)
3. Great Peace (14)

How Will We Respond? (15-20)

- The Response of the People - Mere Wondering
- The Response of Mary - Treasuring and Pondering
- The Response of the Shepherds- Glorifying God

### OTHER RELEVANT SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7, Exodus 33:18-20, Isaiah 6:5, Isaiah 9:6-7, Romans 5:1, Romans 14:19,

### QUOTES

*"The Russians, I am told report that they have not found God in outer space... Looking for God by exploring space is like reading or seeing all Shakespeare's plays in the hope that you will find Shakespeare as one of the characters." C.S. Lewis*

*"That is because I never had the experience of looking for God. It was the other way around; He was the hunter; I was the deer. And I'm very thankful that's how the first meeting occurred." C.S. Lewis on why he is not a reliable source on searching for God.*

*"God is no respecter of people. he looks at the hearts of men, and not at their incomes... A lowly dwelling place, and coarse food, and a hard bed, are not pleasing to flesh and blood. But they are the portion which the Lord Jesus Himself willingly accepted from the day of his entrance into the world. Wealth ruins far more souls than poverty. When the love of money begins to creep over us, let us think of the manger at Bethlehem, and of Him who was laid in it. Such thoughts may deliver us from much harm." J.C. Ryle*

*"Hence that dread and amazement with which, as scripture uniformly relates, holy men [and women] were struck and overwhelmed whenever they behold the presence of God... Men [and women] are never duly touched and impressed with a conviction of their insignificance until they have contrasted themselves with the majesty of God." John Calvin*

*Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King! Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Charles Wesley*

*"At the cross, the most powerful man who ever lived submitted to the most brutal death ever died, to save the powerless.. The skewering of violence at the cross speaks to our most fundamental problem, which is not a lack of education or democracy or opportunity but the gruesome reality the Bible calls sin. And the strange claim of Jesus's resurrection offers us hope that evil will not ultimately triumph, and that everyone who gives up his or her life to follow Christ will find it. This belief, when drunk of deeply, motivates action. It motivated Christians in the fourth century to create places where the sick and poor could be cared for- places we now call hospitals. It motivated Martin Luther King to believe that non-violent resistance could overcome violent oppression. And it motivates Christians today to sacrifice themselves across the world in the service to others." Rebecca McLaughlin*

*"In the divine Scriptures, there are shallows and there are deeps; shallows where the lamb may wade, and deeps where the elephant may swim." John Owen*