

# Let the Treasuring and Praising Begin!

Sunday Morning, December 22, 2013

**Thesis:** Ponder or Treasure God's Word and  
Rejoice in the Wonder of the Newborn King!

**Introduction:** Children's Christmas Program

## I. The Wondrous Event: A Newborn King!

(Luke 2: 16 – 20)

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

18 & all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard & seen, which were just as they had been told.

Mary Pondered or Treasured the Word in Her Heart

The Shepherds Were the First Evangelists

The Shepherds Were Praising and Glorifying God

## II. The Praising Continues

(Luke 2: 25 – 33)

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous & devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,

28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.

30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the sight of all people,

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

Marveled Over These Things

## III. Biblical Insight Brings Praise!

(Luke 2: 36 – 38)

36 There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

(Isaiah 9: 6 – 7)

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

(I Thessalonians 2:13)

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

## Conclusion:

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