



## **GLORY to GOD in the HIGHEST!**

Luke 2 December 20 – 26, 2021

Beginning in Luke 2:8 we read ‘shepherds were living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An Angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them...’

The Angel told the shepherds “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord.” The Angel proceeded to tell the shepherds how they would find the baby when “suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the Angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.’”

What spectacular, hopeful verses for each of us! That the Lord’s Peace and His Favor would rest upon us, His People, in these turbulent times!

And the fact that our Heavenly Father would send Angels to workers in a field is so encouraging...how prophetic that is, yes?

Shepherds, today also known as Pastors and Leaders, are responsible for watching over the flock, for protecting them against thieves and predators, for being sure they get (spiritually) fed and watered, help give new life (birth) and untangle them from fiery darts and prickly thorn bushes!

Our Jesus is called ‘The Good Shepherd’ and the greatest example to all of us. He cares about each of His Flock and will leave the 99 to go after the lost one, the lambkin who hasn’t reached spiritually maturity or has turned away from listening to His Voice and wandered away from the congregation!

We know our Savior Jesus, or Yeshua as his parents called Him by His Hebrew name, was born in **Bethlehem**. Bet (some spell it beit) and lechem (lekem) means 'House of Bread'. In John chapter six Jesus refers to Himself as the 'Bread of Life' four different times. So our Messiah was born in the House of Bread and called the Bread of Life! John 6:33 reads "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives LIFE to the world."

May we all have renewed hunger to seek our Good Shepherd and follow His Voice now and throughout the upcoming New Year!

As we celebrate the Christ child's birth, may you and your loved ones gather together, read the beautiful Christmas story beginning with Luke 1:26 through Luke 2:40, and intersperse appropriate Christmas songs throughout the verses...

For example, a good song to begin with is "O Come All Ye Faithful" then "Mary Did You Know?" then "Silent Night" then "Away in a Manger" then "Angels We Have Heard on High - Gloria in Excelsis Deo" and eventually ending with "JOY to the World!". What a fun tradition to pass on to your children and grandchildren, or to your friends, Home Group, or Bible Study Group!



In this new season, when asked of the LORD to do something, may we react as Mary the Mother of Yeshua did and say "Be it to me according to Your Will." Amen!

Enjoy Michael W. Smith's version of "Gloria – Angels We

Have Heard On High".

<https://youtu.be/B7GDe5-0x30>

With love and Merry Christmas blessings in this holy, blessed season,

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