

Feb. 19 - Scripture: Luke 2: 1-20

A verse that speaks to you: This is a passage of scripture that is focused on during Advent, leading up to the birth of Jesus. Verses 9-12 reveal a direct message from God the Father, through an angel, telling about the significance of this birth.

Observation: The angel of the Lord tells the shepherds (and us) that he brings "GOOD NEWS of a GREAT JOY which shall be for ALL the people; for today in the city of David there has been born FOR YOU A SAVIOR, who is Christ the Lord." After explaining where to find the newborn baby, more angels join in on the praising of God.

Application: The message was given to humble shepherds, which indicates that one does not need to be of high position to accept this good news. It is truly a message for ALL mankind. The "glory of the Lord" that shone around the shepherds must have been awesome, as was also the praising of God by the multitude of angels that joined the first angel messenger.

Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of salvation which You provided for mankind through Jesus Your Son...born as the baby heralded by the angels, and who ultimately bore the sins of mankind on the cross. Please increase our faith day by day, and draw us ever closer to Thee, through Thy Son Jesus. It is in His name that we pray. Amen.

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