

My Gift of Humility

Sunday December 17, 2023
Series: Gifts for Christ-mas

*“Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 18:4 ESV*

(Also Matthew 18:1; Mark 9:33-34; Luke 9:46)

My Greatness for God Comes Through _____ !

Two Examples of _____

1. Shepherds—Willing to _____

*“And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.”
Luke 2:8 ESV*

Why Shepherds?

- ◆ Abel was a Shepherd—Genesis 4:2
- ◆ Joseph’s Family were Shepherds—Genesis 47:3
- ◆ God People were Shepherds—Numbers 14:33
- ◆ King David was a Shepherd—1 Samuel 6:11
- ◆ God is a Shepherd—Isaiah 40:31, 11
- ◆ Messiah is a Shepherd—Matthew 2:6 (Quoting Micah 5:2)
- ◆ God’s People Need a Shepherd—Matthew 9:36
- ◆ Jesus is a Shepherd—Mark 14:26-27 (Quoting Zechariah 13:7)
- ◆ God’s Key Leaders Today are Shepherds—Ephesians 4:11-12

(Also 1 Samuel 16:6)

*“But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.””
1 Samuel 16:7 ESV*

2. Angels —Willing to _____

*“And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.”
Luke 2:9 ESV*

-The Angels Announcement

*“And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”
Luke 2:10 ESV*

◆ **The Longing of _____ and _____**

*“I tell you, many prophets and kings longed to see what you see, but they didn’t see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn’t hear it.””
Luke 10:24 NLT*

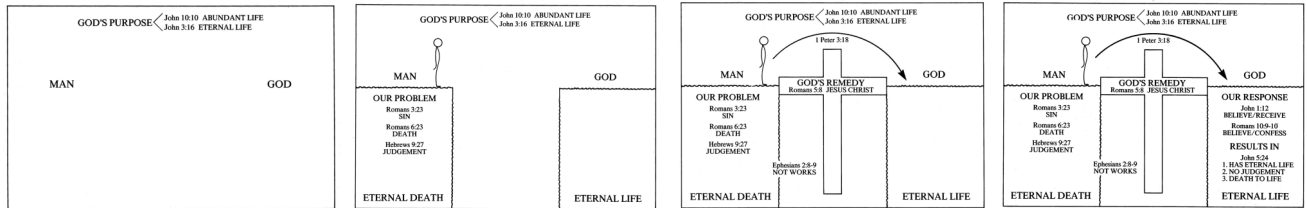
◆ **The Longing of _____**

“They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.”

1 Peter 1:12 NLT

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11 ESV

-The Bridge Illustration



“And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.””
Luke 2:12 ESV

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!””
Luke 2:13–14 ESV

“Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.””
Luke 15:10 ESV

Four Challenges from the Shepherds

- ◆ **My _____ - Am I Seeking to know the truth?**
“When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.””
Luke 2:15 ESV
- ◆ **My _____ — Is it a priority to be a part of what God is doing?**
“And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.”
Luke 2:16 ESV
- ◆ **My _____ - Excited about what God is doing?**
“And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.”
Luke 2:17 ESV
- ◆ **My _____ - Desire for others to know what I have found in Jesus?**
“And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.”
Luke 2:17–18 ESV

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