

## Treasuring Up Christmas

Luke 2:8-20

**Context:** Outside the town of Bethlehem, shepherds were keeping watch over their sheep when a heavenly host of angels appeared.

To fully treasure up Christmas...

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ **the Grace of God (vs. 8-9)**

- a. In this text, the angels appear to the shepherds. The job of the shepherd was the lowest job in Israel. This text reminds us of how God takes the lowly, and he works with them for His glory and by His grace.
- b. As we celebrate Christmas, have you experienced the Grace of God?

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ **the Glory of God (vs. 9)**

- a. Verse 9 tells us that “the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.” The glory of the Lord is the Shekinah Glory of God that appears throughout the Old Testament. The bright light that surrounds the presence of God himself, sometimes appearing as a cloud, sometimes as a bright light or burning fire
- b. It is interesting that this glory, which had been absent from Israel for hundreds of years at this point, shows up to these common shepherds.
- c. As we celebrate Christmas, have you experienced the Glory of God?

### III. \_\_\_\_\_ **the Gift of God (vs. 10-20)**

- a. After the shepherds had seen Jesus, they “returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.”
- b. When you meet Jesus, it changes you. You become a different person. As we celebrate Christmas, have you experienced the Gift of God?