

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
“Shepherds and Angels”
‘Wonder and Wonderful’

12/6/09

Luke 2:8-20

1. THE WONDER OF THE *ANNOUNCEMENT* OF JESUS BIRTH!

A. Their *Reaction* (vs. 8-9)

“Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified.”

B. Their *Response* (v. 15)

“The shepherds said to each other, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’”

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C. Their *Reality* (vs. 16-20)

“They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.”

a. The *Chance*.

“They hurried to the village...”

b. The *Charge*.

“And there was the baby...”

“After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.”

c. The *Change*.

“The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.”

2. THE WONDERFUL *APPEARANCE* AT JESUS BIRTH!

A. Their *Promise* (vs. 10b-12)

“I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior---yes, the Messiah, the Lord---has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

B. Their *Praise* (vs. 13-14)

“Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others---the armies of heaven---praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.’”