

Christmas Day Devotional

Read Luke 2:1-20

Questions to Consider:

1. Jesus Christ, the Messiah, our Savior, was born into the world as a baby. What was the reaction of those who witnessed this event?

Answer: The angel who appeared to the shepherds announcing the birth was quickly joined by a multitude that praised God in a magnificent way. Mary “treasured up all these things in her heart;” that is, the story of the shepherds and the angels' praise. And the shepherds reacted much the same as the angels, “glorifying and praising God” because what they had heard and seen was as it had been told to them.

2. What should our reaction to the birth of our Savior be this Christmas day?

Answer: The shepherds are our model. They heard, they saw, and they glorified and praised God. As we remember his birth (and and we anticipate his second coming), let us praise and glorify God for his magnificent salvation!

Songs to worship: Joy to the World, O Come All Ye Faithful, Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Prayer : *Loving Father, Help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. May Christmas morning make us grateful to be your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

