

The Prayer of Joy

Luke 2:8-20 *“And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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. 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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ... Vs. 15 “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.”¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.”*

Vs. 9 The glory of the Lord _____ the shepherds and they were _____.

The Greek word for terrified is phobeó. = _____ Phobia!

Exodus 24:7 God’s is a _____ presence and strength.

The voice of an angel was _____.

Job 37:4-5 - *“At this also my heart trembles and leaps out of its place. Keep listening to the thunder of his voice and the rumbling that comes from his mouth. Under the whole heaven he lets it go, and his lightning to the corners of the earth. After it his voice roars; he thunders with his majestic voice, and he does not restrain the lightnings when his voice is heard. God thunders wondrously with his voice; He does great things that we cannot comprehend.”*

Gabriel was not there to scare them but to deliver _____ of great _____.

Go find Him in _____. He is the one lying in a _____.

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This _____ that has happened is the _____ important event in earth’s history and these men are the first invitees to meet their eternal King.

Jesus is the joy giver to _____ people. He is the _____ to the world.

After they saw this baby King they told _____.

The best missionary is _____.

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They would _____ be the same.