

"A Father's Gifting"

Text: Luke 2:8-20

Scripture reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

I. The unique majesty of God's giving - vv. 1-7 (last week's study)

II. The unique majesty of God's gift - vv. 8-14

A) Announced to shepherds - vv. 8-9

Why proclaim the glory of God's gift to shepherds?

1. Shepherds are representative of the _____
(Matt. 5:3-6)

2. Shepherds are representative of God's _____
(I Cor. 1:26-31)

3. Shepherds are representative of God _____
(Ps. 23:1; Micah 5:1-4; Jn. 10:11)

B) Acclaimed by angels - vv. 9-12
(Is. 60:1-3; 42:6)

C) Admired by heaven - vv.13-14
(Eph. 2:13-18)

III. The unique majesty of God's glory - vv. 15-20

A) Drawn to worship - vv. 15-16

B) Declared in worship - vv. 17-19
(II Cor. 2:17)

C) Determined for worship - vs. 20

*"Who is He in yonder stall, at whose feet shepherds fall? ...Tis the Lord! O wondrous story!
Tis the Lord! The King of Glory! At His feet we humbly fall, Crown Him! Crown Him,
Lord of all!"*

"Who Is He in Yonder Stall?" - Benjamin R. Hanby

Sermon quote:

Stephen Charnock (17th century pastor and theologian; 1628-1680),

We worship in spirit, "...with the inward operations of all the faculties of our souls, and the cream and flower of them; and the reason is, because there ought to be a worship suitable to the nature of God; and as the worship was to be spiritual, so the exercise of that worship ought to be in a spiritual manner. It shall be a worship 'in truth,' because the true God shall be adored without those vain imaginations and fantastic resemblances of Him, which were common among the blind Gentiles, and contrary to the glorious nature of God, and unworthy ingredients in religious services."