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# SMALL PEOPLE GOD

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## WHAT IS HOPE?

#### If **FAITH** is...

#### "the TOTAL DEPENDENCE of a HELPLESS MAN in the hand of the **MIGHTY GOD**."



"ENTRUSTING THE FUTURE into the hand of a **FAITHFUL GOD**."

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#### **FRAMING THE MIND**

**1. AGRICULTURE SETTING** 

2. POLITICAL SETTING

3. RELIGIOUS SETTING



#### **1. AGRICULTURE SETTING**

"And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night." (v.8)

 Shepherds could just be "hired hands"? (Jn. 10.10)

Tell your neighbour... Jesus was not born in Dec!

#### **2. POLITICAL SETTING**

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered." (v.1)

 The shepherds were pretty disappointed with God!

#### **3. RELIGIOUS SETTING**

"One should not teach his son to become a donkey-driver, camel-driver, wagon-driver, sailor, **shepherd**, or storekeeper, for their profession is the profession of thieves. ..."

(Babylon Talmud, Kiddushin 82a)

Shepherds were despised!

Shepherd as a profession was frown upon!

Have you ever wondered what they talk about in the field? 77

#### **IF GOD WERE REVEALED...**

in the **WISDOM** of man,

only the Wise could know Him. in the **STRENGTH** of man, only the Strong could know Him. in the **ACCOMPLISHMENTS** of man, only the Proud could know Him. in the **WEALTH** of man,

only the Rich could know Him.



#### **IF GOD WERE REVEALED...**

**But God chooses** to reveal himself to those who are **Despised In The World**, so that when the miracle of salvation is given to them, God alone receives the glory.



BUT GOD CHOOSES TO REVEAL HIMSELF IN THOSE WHO ARE DESPISED IN THE WORLD so that when the miracle of salvation is GIVEN in them, God alone receives the glory.

#### Throughout the Bible, God called out to "small people".

#### **Movement from Despair to Hope**

God calls SMALL PEOPLE so that, they may be FULL OF HOPE, instead of just being HOPEFUL!

"God Came So That **HOPE-LESS** PEOPLE May Find HOPE In A HOPELESS WORLD!"

#### 2. CALLED TO WORSHIP! v.20

Movement from Wandering to Worshipping! WANDERING "shepherds keeping watch" (v.8)

#### WONDERING

"shepherds said to one another" (v.15)

### WORSHIPPING

"shepherds glorifying and praising God" (v.20)

#### "When we give God the RIGHTFUL PLACE in our heart, we will inevitably WORSHIP HIM ARIGHT in our heart."