



When God Speaks

Luke 2:8-18

# God's Message

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Luke 2:10-11ESV



# Greek word for you

*humin (plural)*

*the immediate audience*



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*For God so loved the world  
that He gave His only begotten Son  
that whosoever believeth in Him  
should not perish but have  
everlasting life.*



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1. Is Personal
2. Is a Promise



*“The Sovereign Lord has filled me with his Spirit. He has chosen me and sent me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to announce*



*release to captives and freedom to those in prison. He has sent me to proclaim that the time has come when the Lord will save his people and defeat their enemies.”*

Isaiah 61:1-2 GNT



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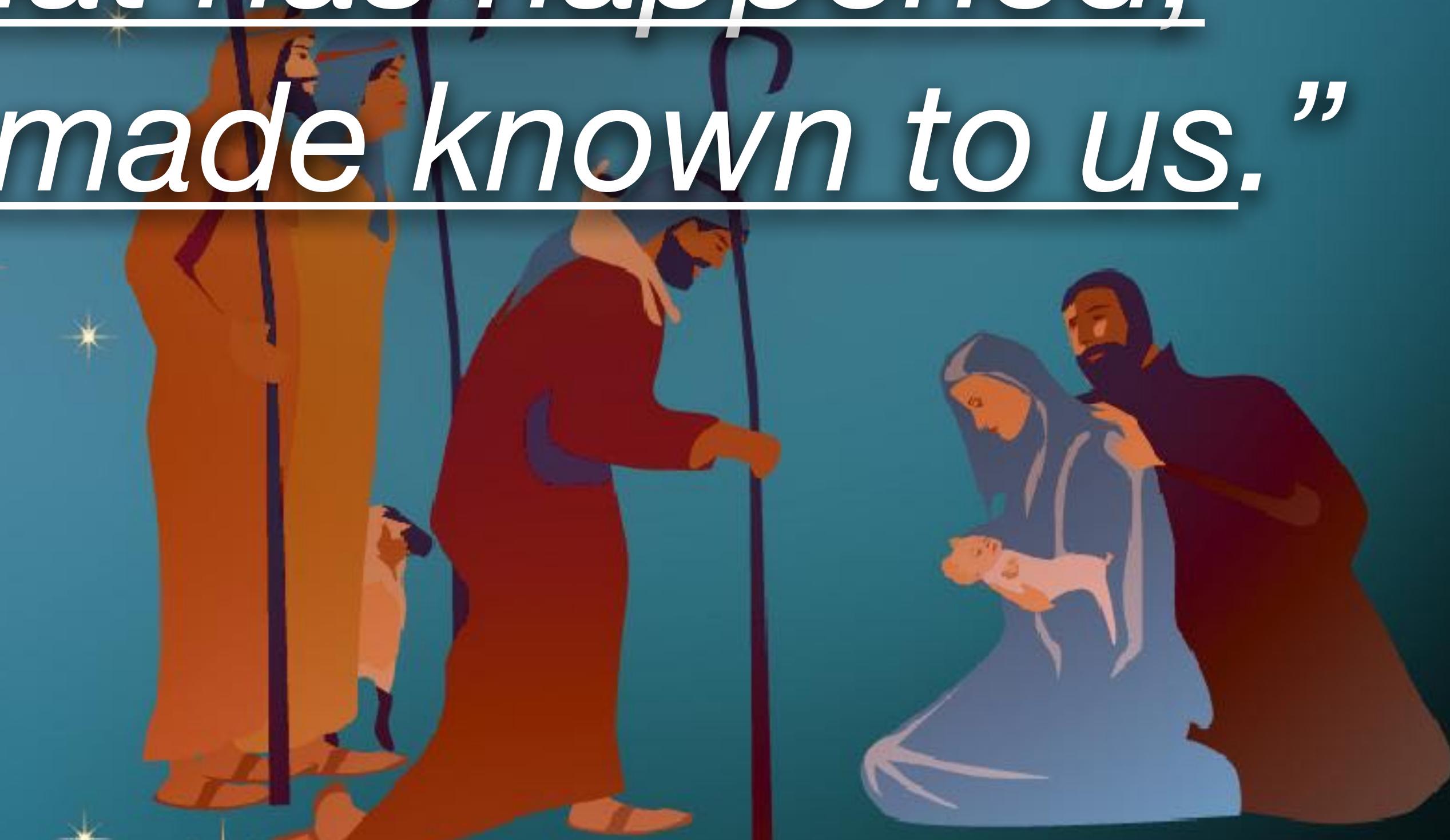


# God's Message

1. Is Personal
2. Is a Promise
3. Has a Purpose



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Luke 2:15ESV



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1. Is Personal
2. Is a Promise
3. Has a Purpose
4. Requires a Response



*“And they went with haste and found  
Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in  
a manger.”*

Luke 2:16ESV



“And when they saw it, (when they saw Jesus) they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.”

Luke 2:17ESV



*“And all who heard it wondered (marveled) at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.”*

Luke 2:18-19ESV



*“And the shepherds returned, glorifying  
and praising God for all they had heard  
and seen, as it had been told them.”*

Luke 2:20ESV





*“The facts are God is not silent, has never been silent, It is the nature of God to speak.”*

*- A. W. Tozer*

# God Speaks to Us

## 4. Through His Creation





*This is my Father's world, the birds  
their carols raise, The morning light,  
the lily white, declare their Maker's  
praise.*

*This is my Father's world, He shines  
in all that's fair; in the rustling grass  
I hear him pass; He speaks to me  
everywhere.*

*- Rev. Maltbie Babcock*



# God Speaks to Us

4. Through His Creation
3. Through Prayer





*“Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire  
unuttered or expressed, the motion of a  
hidden fire, that trembles in the breast.  
  
Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling  
of a tear, the upward glancing of an eye,  
  
when none but God is near.*

*- James Montgomery*

*“How long will you forget me? Forever?  
How long will you look the other way  
when I am in need? How long must I be  
hiding daily anguish in my heart?*



*“Answer me, O Lord my God; give me  
light in my darkness lest I die.”*



*“Answer me, O Lord my God; give me light in my darkness lest I die. But I will always trust in you and your mercy and shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord because He has blessed me so richly.”*

Psalm 13:1-3,5-6TLB



# God Speaks to Us

4. Through His Creation
3. Through Prayer
2. Through the Holy Spirit



*“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you all things and will remind  
you of everything I have said to you.”*

John 14:26NIV



*“In the same way the Spirit also comes to help us, weak as we are. For we do not know how we ought to pray; the Spirit himself pleads with God for us in groans that words cannot express.”*

Romans 8:26GNT



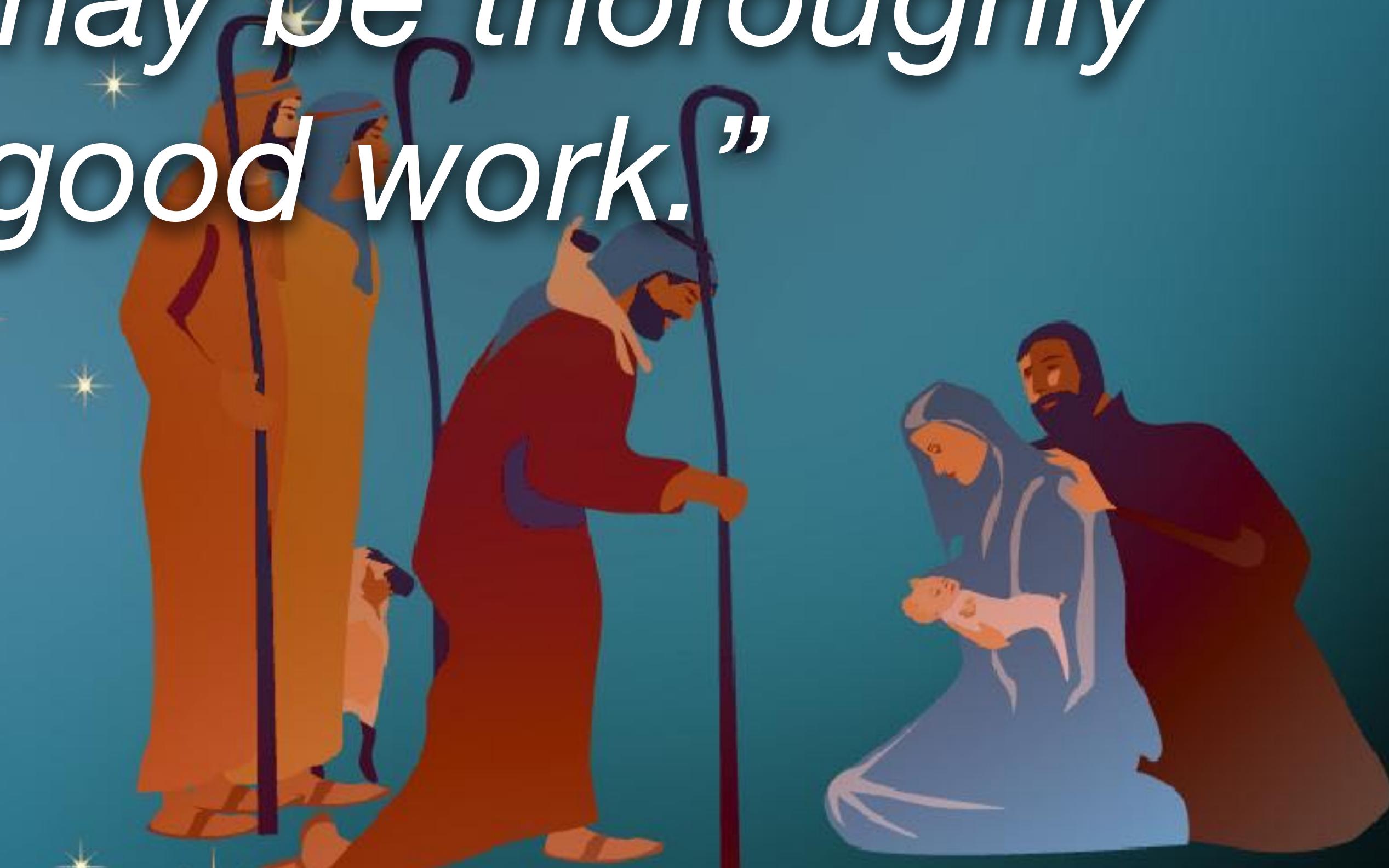
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4. Through His Creation
3. Through Prayer
2. Through the Holy Spirit
1. Through Scripture



*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

2 Tim 3:16-17NIV



**“For the word of God is alive and active.**  
*Sharper than any double-edged sword,  
it penetrates even to dividing soul and  
spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the  
thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*

Hebrews 4:12NIV



“For, ‘All people are *like* grass, and all  
their *glory is like* the *flowers* of the *field*;  
the *grass withers* and the *flowers fall*,



*but the word of the Lord endures forever.' And this is the word that was preached to you...Karen!'*

1 Peter 1:24-25NIV



*“Hearing God’s voice begins with  
absolute trust in Him as a communicator  
– understanding that he doesn’t  
arbitrarily carry out His will for humanity  
without making us participants in His  
plans.”*

*Pastor Chris Tiegreen*



**“Speak, Lord, your servant  
is listening.”**





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