

## SHEPHERD'S FEAR

Luke 2:1-20

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### 1. GOD'S PLAN OVERCOMES OUR FEARS.

**Luke 2:1-20 (NASB)** <sup>1</sup> Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a **census** be taken of all the inhabited earth. <sup>2</sup> This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. <sup>4</sup> **Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth,** to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, <sup>5</sup> **in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.** <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> **And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.**

### 2. GOD'S PEACE OVERCOMES OUR FEARS.

<sup>8</sup> In the same region there were *some* **shepherds** staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, **"Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.** <sup>12</sup> "This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> **"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."**

### 3. GOD'S SON OVERCOMES OUR FEARS.

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen this, **they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.** <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds went back, **glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.**