

HAVE YOU LISTENED TO THE SONG? - PART 2  
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Today we will look at the song sang to the (shepherds) by a (host of angels).

Luke 2:13 - 14 (NLT) 'Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others---the armies of heaven---praising God: 'Glory to god in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to all whom God favors.'

What do you hear at Christmas?

Do you hear God speaking to you about your (connection) with him, about your (spiritual journey) or maybe a (redirection) of that journey?

The shepherds were at the (bottom of the social ladder) and felt their lives (made no difference) in anyone's life.

Luke 2:8 (NLT) 'That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, guarding their flocks of sheep.'

Things (change) when God (speaks).

Luke 2:9 (NLT) 'Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terribly frightened...'

An announcement was made to the (shepherds) that was about the most extraordinary thing to ever happen in the history of planet earth---- (the entrance of God to this planet).

Luke 2:10 - 12 (NLT) 'but the angel assured them. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I bring you good news of great joy for everyone! The Savior ---yes, the Messiah, the Lord---has been born tonight in Bethlehem, the city of David! And this is how you will recognize him: you will find a baby lying in a manger, wrapped snugly in strips of cloth.'

THREE QUESTIONS FOR US:

1. When you think of the shepherds, do you hear (God's heart for all people)?

Luke 2:10 (NIV) 'But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people'

By visiting the Shepherds, God was communicating that (he cares about all people).

2. As you approach this Christmas season do you hear God (speaking to you)?

Luke 2:15 - 16 (NIV) 'When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told

us about. So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.'

When the shepherds heard God speaking, it moved them to (action). They (responded) when God was talking. They decided to go, and they went on a (spiritual adventure).

3. When you think of the shepherds, do you hear the (passion) and (impact) of a freshly changed life?

Luke 2:17 - 18 (NIV) 'When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them'

The danger for all of us is that we could sit in the church (for years) and feel very (spiritual), but never point anybody toward an (eternity-changing relationship with Jesus).

Psalm 51:12 (NIV) 'Restore to me the joy of your salvation'