

Luke 2:13,14

GLORY TO GOD; PEACE ON EARTH

- I. Glory to God.
 - A. The angels are always singing praise to God.
 - B. N.B. that everyone who celebrated the original Christmas glorified God.
 - C. “Glory” is what they ascribe to God.
 - 1. Glory is the implication and radiation of perfections, which God has perfectly and infinitely in Himself.
 - 2. In the incarnation the glory of every virtue of God is displayed in an unparalleled manner.
 - D. We ought to join them in this song of praise to God.
- II. The glory to God is experienced on earth in the presence of “peace.”
 - A. Since the fall into sin there has been no peace (Isa. 57:20,21).
 - B. The angels know that the Baby was to make peace a possibility and a reality.
 - 1. True peace begins in God: the God of peace, of undisturbed harmony, unity and agreement.
 - 2. Peace on earth is first the experience that God is at peace with us.
 - 3. The Baby born is our peace because He is God and man united inseparably, making peace with each other.
 - C. Peace is found only in the Babe of Bethlehem.
- III. The angel’s add: “Good will toward men.”
 - A. “Good will” always refers in Scripture to God’s good pleasure.
 - 1. God is pleased to exercise His good pleasure to men.
 - 2. Divine pleasure is extended, not to each and every man individually, but to the elect humans.
 - B. May we then exclaim: Glory to God.