

The Christmas Story Continued Luke 2.1-40

Luke 2.1-7 serves as an introduction to what takes place in the following scene.

- Similar to our census that was taken in 2000
- Different in the way that you had to go back to the hometown of your ancestors.

The announcement to the lowest and last people you would have thought. Verses 8-14

- shepherds were on the low end of the political spectrum
- Shows that Christ came not just for the rich but also the poor.
- Gabriel along with some of his friends brings the good news.
 - Interesting note: Gabriel's only function as portrayed in the Bible is to announce/proclaim something concerning the Messiah. (see Daniel 8-9, Luke 1)

The reaction of our good shepherd boys to what they just heard. Verses 15-20

- They quickly went to see the child they heard about.
- Delayed obedience isn't obedience at all
- Obedience requires an action to take place.

Jesus at the Temple. Verses 21-40

- Mary, Joseph, and Jesus all obeyed the Law. Verses 21-24
 - The Law in all of the OT but especially the Pentateuch.
 - The fact he was circumcised is a prelude to the work on the cross.
 - Had to be redeemed from God just like he bought our redemption through his blood.
- The long awaited visit by the good old man Simeon. Verses 25-35.
 - Devout and righteous, meaning he trusted God and didn't allow the oral/cultural traditions of the day affect his walk.
 - Knew that salvation would be for Gentiles as well.
 - Was so in tune with God that he knew when the Holy Spirit moved him to do something.
 - Prophesized to what the rest of the Gospels show actually happened.
- Next up in the scene is a prophetess Anna. Verses 36-40
 - Has been waiting close to 84 years for this day
 - Tells all those who are around just what was going on.

Principles for Us

- Obedience is something that requires an action.
- Like Anna and the shepherds we must go out and tell all those about Christ.
- We need to like Simeon take God at His Word and be willing to wait until it happens.
- God will do what He promises He will do.
- We need to be in tune with God so much that we know when He moves us to an action.
- Christ came for all, not just some.