

And the Shepherds Returned

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The shepherds' praise of God for Jesus' birth and salvation serves as a model for our own praise and worship.

Scripture: Luke 2:10

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the joy and gratitude of the shepherds who returned praising God for the good news of Jesus' birth. He encourages believers to not only hear about Jesus but to experience His presence and grace personally, creating a melody of faith in their hearts. Spurgeon highlights the harmony between the shepherds' experiences and the promises of God, urging the congregation to recognize the fulfillment of God's word in their lives. He calls for a heartfelt response of worship, celebrating the surpassing sweetness of Christ beyond what has been shared. Ultimately, he invites all to glorify God for the precious gift of salvation through Jesus.

Transcript

What was the subject of their praise? They praised God for what they had heard--for the good tidings of great joy that a Saviour was born unto them. Let us copy them; let us also raise a song of thanksgiving that we have heard of Jesus and His salvation. They also praised God for what they had seen. There is the sweetest music--what we have experienced, what we have felt within, what we have made our own--"the things which we have made touching the King." It is not enough to hear about Jesus: mere hearing may tune the harp, but the fingers of living faith must create the music.

If you have seen Jesus with the God-giving sight of faith, suffer no cobwebs to linger among the harpstrings, but loud to the praise of sovereign grace, awake your psaltery and harp. One point for which they praised God was the agreement between what they had heard and what they had seen. Observe the last sentence--"As it was told unto them." Have you not found the gospel to be in yourselves just what the Bible said it would be? Jesus said He would give you rest--have you not enjoyed the sweetest peace in Him?

He said you should have joy, and comfort, and life through believing in Him--have you not received all these? Are not His ways ways of pleasantness, and His paths paths of peace? Surely you can say with the queen of Sheba, "The half has not been told me." I have found Christ more sweet than His servants ever said He was. I looked upon His likeness as they painted it, but it was a mere daub compared with Himself; for the King in His beauty outshines all imaginable loveliness. Surely what we have "seen" keeps

pace with, nay, far exceeds, what we have "heard." Let us, then, glorify and praise God for a Saviour so precious, and so satisfying.

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