

Topic: A Time for Action

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Salvation Sermon Series

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**Luke 2:15 (KJV) Shepherds:**

<sup>15</sup>And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.\*

**\*Luke 24:31 - 32 (NASB)** <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

<sup>32</sup>They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

**Luke 2:20 (KJV) Shepherds:** <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**Definition: "Glorifying"** means thinking, speaking and acting in ways that reflect his greatness, To glorify God is to extol His attributes—His holiness, faithfulness, mercy, grace, love, majesty, sovereignty, power, and omniscience, to name a few. Rehearsing them over and over in our minds

**Glorify = Instruct (GK. Katakeois):**

*katakeois* an important word; because, from it, we get the word catechism. The word literally means to teach orally by repetition. The pattern of instruction in the Jews was repetitious oral instruction. And they would repeat the question, repeat the answer, repeat the question, repeat the answer, or repeat the truth over and over and over again until they had learned it.

**Instruct** = Rehearsing them over and over in our minds

**Psalms 16:7 - 9 (NASB)**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who has counseled me;  
Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD continually before me;  
Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;  
My flesh also will dwell securely.

**Psalms 16:7 - 9 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

**Luke 2:30 (KJV) Simeon:** <sup>30</sup>For mine eyes have seen\* thy salvation,

**\* Job 42:2 - 6 (NASB)**

- 2 "I know that You can do all things,  
And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.
- 3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'  
"Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand,  
Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know."
- 4 'Hear, now, and I will speak;  
I will ask You, and You instruct me.'
- 5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear;  
But now my eye sees You;
- 6 Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes."

**Luke 2:38 (KJV) Anna:**

<sup>38</sup>And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

**Matthew 2:2 (KJV) Wise men:**

<sup>2</sup>Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we\* have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

*\*We must confess that we know little about these men. The word translated "wise men" (magi) refers to a group of scholars who studied the stars. Their title connects them with magic, but they were probably more like astronomers. However, their presence in the biblical record is not a divine endorsement of astrology.*

- *Astrology = the study of how the positions of the stars and movements of the planets have a supposed influence on events and on the lives and behavior of people. (Webster's dictionary)*
- *Astronomy = the scientific study of stars, planets, and other objects in outer space. (Webster's dictionary)*

**Luke 2:19 (KJV) Mary:**

<sup>19</sup>But Mary kept all these things, and pondered\* *them* in her heart.

**\*Psalms 77:12 (NASB)** <sup>12</sup>I will meditate on all Your work and muse on Your deeds.

**Monday Morning Moment:** Action Step – "*I resolve to glorify God in ALL I think, say and do!*"

**Colossians 3:16 - 17 (KJV)** <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. <sup>17</sup>And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.