

What a Praise Service!

Text: Luke 2:8-20

Introduction: *92% of Americans still believe in God. Our secular society continues to distance itself from the Christ of Christmas. We believe that God chose to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ, and today we will examine the significance some insignificant shepherds played in that first Christmas.*

I. The _____ of a Comfortable

_____ vs.8

Shepherds were despised by many (Genesis 46:34; Numbers 14:33). Nevertheless, they were quite comfortable in their daily routine. It rarely changed. Many of us also have routines and habits that rarely change. "Humans are like stone. By instinct we resist change." (Dr. Archibald D. Hart)

II. The _____ of _____

_____ vss.9-16

God's shekinah glory (Exodus 24:16&17) had not been seen by His people for 500 years, until now.

Acts 4:12; Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7:7&8; Deuteronomy 4:29; Jeremiah 29:11-14

III. Their _____ in Spreading the

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Mark 5:20; John 4:17&18,39-42

Jeremiah 20:9; Acts 4:13,20

Conclusion: Isaiah 1:18