

Shepherds: The Gift of Adoration

*Luke 2:8-20*

A. Adoration by the Shepherds Then (4BC)

* Outcasts
* They represent the Common and Ordinary
* Chosen
* There were no Royalty or VIPs but Humble shepherds were specifically chosen to receive the Good News of the Savior’s birth
* Actions (What did they do?)
* Wondered v15 Went v16
* Witnessed v17 Worshipped v20

B. Our Adoration Today (2023)

* Adoration: Humility
* If you are Prideful, God will oppose you
* When you are Humble, God will lift you up
* Adoration: Obedience
* God chooses the Outcasts of this world which should fill us with Humility and result in joyful Obedience
* Adoration: Worship
* Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: “We are not Human beings having a Spiritual experience; we are Spiritual beings having a Human experience.”
* There are only two times to worship the Lord: When you Feel like it and when you Don’t
* Adoration: Faith
* The Shepherds were simple Men with simple Faith
* Adoration: Witness
* It’s one Beggar telling another where to find bread
* If you are not Spilling anything over, is it because you are not Filled with anything?

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