

God's Sure Word

*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,
the shepherds said to one another,
"Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened,
which the Lord has told us about."
So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph,
and the baby, who was lying in the manger.
When they had seen him, they spread the word
concerning what had been told them about this child,
and all who heard it were amazed
at what the shepherds said to them.
But Mary treasured up all these things
and pondered them in her heart.
The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
for all the things they had heard and seen,
which were just as they had been told.*

Luke 2:15-20 (NIV)

The shepherds had been told detail about the situation in Bethlehem when our Lord was born.

When they arrived in Bethlehem they found things exactly as the angels had told them. It must have been the most encouraging night of their lives – to think that what the Lord had said to be true actually was true to the last detail.

God is not a liar, instead He always tells the truth – and His word is to be trusted – because He is indeed the truth.

The shepherds, that first

Christmas night, learned a powerful lesson about trusting the Lord. When they compared what they had been told by the angels with what they then saw, the two things matched in every detail.

This caused the shepherds to rejoice and praise God for the wonderful news that the long promised Messiah had finally appeared, and they had seen Him for themselves.

As you celebrate Christmas this year, ponder the many promises that were fulfilled that first Christmas – think of how accurate God's prophecies were, and

rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord to His word. This will cause you to rejoice and praise the Lord in a similar manner to the shepherds.

Then come to your Saviour in prayer and give Him glory for coming according to promise, and feed your faith on His loyalty to all He has said. Your celebrations will indeed be full of wonder, love and praise. The Lord is waiting to hear from you so come to Him and come now.

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