

THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

The Wonder of His Praise

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Luke 2:13-14

What is the dominant mood at Christmas for the Christian? Joy and praise! In the first two chapters of Luke there are several expressions of praise surrounding the birth of Jesus. Some have even called these “the songs of Christmas.”

- Elizabeth’s praise to God (Luke 1:39-45)
- Mary’s praise to God (Luke 1:46-56)
- Zechariah’s praise to God (Luke 1:67-79)
- The angels, praise to God (Luke 2:13-14)
- Simeon’s praise to God (Luke 2:25-35)
- Anna’s praise to God (Luke 2:36-38)

In each of these accounts, the birth of Jesus compelled people to express praise and glory to God for what He has done! Should it not be the same mood that dominates the rest of the year? In Luke 2:13-14, we see the birth of Jesus compel the heavenly host to praise and glorify God!

Key Thought: When you meditate on the birth of Jesus (the incarnation) and all it means, you should be compelled to praise and glorify God!

He is worthy; praise is to be God centered:

- **Praise Him! He is Glorious!**
- **Praise Him! He is Gracious!**
- **Praise Him! He is Generous!**

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He is worthy; praise is from the overflow of gratitude for God's grace:

- **Praise Him for His attributes!**
- **Praise Him for His actions!**
- **Praise Him for His affections!**

“Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.” Psalm 106:1 (NASB95)

“O Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders, Plans *formed* long ago, with perfect faithfulness.” Isaiah 25:1 (NASB95)