



1. Introduction

a. When angels came to the shepherds they spoke to the shepherds.
- God's glory shined brightly in the night

b. One angel spoke to the shepherds

c. Finally a large group of heavenly hosts praising God
- angels, cherubim, seraphim described in Bible as part of the heavenly hosts

d. Dark of the night broken by blinding light of heaven's glory

2. Heaven's Choir

a. Savior promised from beginning of humanity

- Gen 3:15 seed of the woman

- Gen 15:18, Gal 3:16 seed of Abraham

- Jer 33:22 seed of David

b. Comfort of the Message

- Don't be afraid

- Good tidings: good news

- Savior born in Bethlehem

c. Clarity of the Message

- Savior also called Christ the Lord

* Christ is Jewish Messiah

* this Christ is also the Lord God

d. Contrast of the Message

* God is light & Good (Jms 1:17)

* Humans are sinners (Rom 23:19)

3. Heaven's King

- a. Gospel is good news about Jesus
 - Jesus is Savior of the world
- b. God's glory should captivate
 - Jesus the Savior should capture attention in our minds
- c. God's glory should illuminate
 - illuminate means to show light
 - * Jesus is the light of the world (Jn 8:12, Jn 1:14)
- d. God's glory should activate
 - move you to action

4. Worship

- a. Worship brings obedience to God
 - shepherd hurried to Bethlehem to see newborn baby (Lk 2:16)
- b. Wise men from the east came to worship King of the Jews
 - asked around in Jerusalem (Mt 2:2)
 - wise men bowed down & worshiped the young child Jesus (Mt 2:11)
- c. Sacrifices of worship
 - Heb 13:15-16
 - * sacrifice of praise (fruit of the lips)
 - * doing good
 - * communicate (tell) the good news of the gospel