

Advent III: People of Joy

Luke 2:8-11

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I. Understanding the Relationship Between the Glory of God and Joy.

Luke 2:9 "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified."

The Shekinah Glory of God

Shekinah = a Hebrew word for the "dwelling of God's presence."

Luke 2:10 "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy.'"

Isaiah 60:1 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."

Isaiah 60:5 "...Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy."

Psalms 16:11 "You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

II. Experiencing the Glory of God and Joy.

A. Pursuing the Glory of God and its resultant joy.

Luke 2:15-16 "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.' So they hurried off ..."

Luke 2:20 "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

B. Lifting what covers the Glory of God and its joy in our lives.