

**The Sunday School Lesson**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

**THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS TO THE WORLD**

Golden Text—Glory to God in the Highest, And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased. Luke 2: 1-14.

Exposition.—I. The New-born King Deceased by Men, 1-7.

Seven hundred years before, Micah had prophesied that He that was to be the ruler in Israel, whose going forth was from old, from everlasting, was to come forth out of Bethlehem (Mic. 5: 2). Note how many devils and deeds of men unconscious of God's purpose and prophecy worked together to fulfill God's Word and carry out His eternal plan. Nothing could more clearly illustrate how God governs everything, even the free acts of men, bad as well as good. The Saviour of the world, the Christ, the Lord, began in a stable the life He was to close upon the cross. There was "no room" for Him in the inn. There is "no room" for Him today in the hearts of most men, in the home, in business, in society, in politics.

It was not that the inn was hostile. It was simply pre-occupied. That is the trouble in men's hearts to-day. They should have made room in the inn for Jesus even though everyone and everything else must be turned out, and we should make room for Him no matter what else or who else has to go. They would have made room for Jesus had they known who He was. We do know and yet we do not make room. Why not? (Jer. 17: 9; Jno. 15: 24; Rom. 8: 7).

II. The New-born King Honored by the Heavenly Host, 8-14.

The announcement of the advent of the King was made to the shepherds. They proved their fitness to receive the announcement (v. 15). They were men of faith, with a deep appreciation of spiritual truth, in spite of their lowly position. They seem to have been waiting, longing, looking for the coming of the Christ (v. 16). They were faithfully attending to their lowly duties when the revelation came. It was not pleasant work and while at it the angels met them (Ex. 3: 1, 2; Jud. 6: 11, 12). The glory that shone around them was the ancient Shekinah that betokened God's presence. At a later day the disciples were to behold the glory of God in the person of Jesus Himself (Jno. 1: 14, 17; 22).

were sore afraid when they beheld this glory. The supernatural, by bringing God near, always fills the heart of sinful man with fear (Rev. 1: 17; Luke 5: 8; Isa. 6: 5). But the angelic message at once dispelled the fear. They came to announce salvation, not judgment.

They began with one of God's most frequent messages to men, "fear not." (Look up this expression and synonymous phrases in the Bible. It is evident that God longs for a fearless people. But the angels not only bade them "fear not," but brought forward the only real cure for fear, the gospel. The coming of Jesus, the Saviour, Christ and Lord, is the best news this old sin-cursed and Satan-governed world ever heard. But many even to this day do not receive it as "good tidings of great joy" (Jo. 1: 9). The angel proclaimed that a Saviour was born, but that gospel has for us been developed into a Saviour and not only born but crucified for our sins, dead and buried, risen and coming again (1 Cor. 15: 1-4; Ac. 1: 10). It was a strange place to be sent to seek a king, a barn. It was a strange sign to mark a "Saviour," which is Christ, the Lord, "a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger." The world receives this wonderful proclamation to this day with indifference, but the heavenly army received it with exultant shouts of praise to God. Well they might! The word "Saviour" shows that they could hardly restrain themselves until the message was fully delivered. They all but interrupted their spokesman's proclamation with their glad chorus. There was to be a twofold result of the Saviour's birth, "glory to God in the highest, on earth peace among men of His good pleasure." Study out from the Bible who the men in whom God is well pleased are, and in what sense Jesus brings them peace (Jno. 6: 29; Eph. 1: 6, 7; Rom. 5: 1; Jno. 11: 27; Phil. 4: 6, 7).

III. The New-born King Welcomed by the Believing Few, 15, 16.

The shepherds, though humble and illiterate, were wise men. They showed it by believing God's Word and going to see for themselves the glorious truth that had been proclaimed to them. Of the truth of what had been told them they had not a doubt. They spoke of it as "this thing on which which is come to pass." Wise and happy the man who when God tells him anything counts it done (Luke 1: 45; Jno. 20: 29). They knew it was so because the Lord had made it known. That is the faith (Heb. 11: 1).

When God makes any great fact or truth known to us we should at once believe it and then "go and see" this

word which the Lord hath made known to us," i.e. enter into it experimentally. Note the eagerness and whole heartedness of these shepherd-saints. "They came with haste" to find the Christ, but today men will scarce come at all; and if they do come, it is with such reluctance that they must be urged and reasoned with and plead with and almost pulled to the Saviour's feet. They found here as rare souls. They found here as God said it would be (v. 16, cf. v. 20; ch. 19: 32; Ac. 27: 55).

**RAG DOLL FILLETS FOR SANTA'S PACK**

TORONTO (CP) — If you're discouraged over the shortage of Santa's toy pack this year, footsore from tramping from store to store, there's still time to stitch up a gay solution to the whole problem.

It's simple to turn out an appealing rag doll or a gay stuffed animal on the family sewing machine in a couple of hours after dinner (and after the children are safely tucked in bed).

If you're puzzled about any of the details of construction, your local sewing centre will be glad to advise you on shortcuts and professional finishing tricks. And you'll find that these homemade toys often are the best loved of any beneath the Christmas tree.

A rag doll that stands eight inches high can be made by using unbleached muslin for the body, wool yarn for the limbs, and cotton fabric in bright color for the dress and hat. Eyes, nose and mouth may be painted on with indelible ink or stitched in colored thread.

A charming little stuffed house will delight any young hopeful, and is easy to make from any gay fabric, either bright-felt or gingham. One of its special features is a novel button anchorage which makes the legs movable. Matching buttons are used for the eyes.

**MYRNA LOY TIRED OF PAST PERFECT**

HOLLYWOOD (CP) — Myrna Loy, says she is tired of being known as the perfect wife as she was in all those "Thin Man" pictures with Bill Powell. "It's a nice change," she said of her current work as an inventor's sometimes shrewish spouse in "A Genius in the Family." In it, they say, she'll smoke a cigar.

Even more arresting than Myrna's comments was the hoop-skirted gown she was wearing all covered with rosebuds and forget-me-nots.

**"BRILLIANTS" PROVE TO BE REAL DIAMONDS**

SYDNEY, Australia (CP) — When a Sydney man found a brooch on the footpath he thought it was a cheap ornament of brilliants and gave it to his young daughter to wear.

But it turned out that the diamonds were real and were worth 350 pounds (\$1,225).

The brooch was lost by Madame Nilens Kirnova, ballet dancer. It was presented to her by an officer of Hussars before she left London for Australia in 1936. She got it back.

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**Dad is home again!**

Christmas candles will burn brighter this year and Christmas turkeys have a new and special flavour for the thousands of Canadians who will be sitting down to their first Christmas dinner with the family circle complete. And many a childish face will glow in the candlelight because "dad" takes his place at the head of the table again — with his strange tales from Italy, from France, Germany or the Pacific.

But even as the candles are lit and the heaped plates go round, Canadians will pause and remember — remember those family groups that will never be complete—those thousands of desolate and homeless in Europe — that great army of children who have been frightened and hurt and starved by a war not of their making.

Let us therefore make a solemn resolve never again to allow the powers of darkness — greed, selfishness and mistrust — to put out the candles of Christmas, those brave lights that symbolize the warm love and kindness that came into the world two thousand years ago.



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