



SERMON OF THE WEEK



PREACH JESUS!

"The Provocative Pronouncement!"

Luke 2:8-21 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

Announcement (informational) – an audible advertisement of something to be aware of.

Pronouncement (authoritative) – produces a proclivity to perform a profitable practice.

In this Birth of Christ passage, the Lord is making a **PRONOUNCEMENT**.
(Something that will alter your everyday course of life).

FOUR PERSPECTIVES ON THE PROVACATIVE PRONOUNCEMENT

1) **IT COMMANDS your personal ATTENTION** - You say to God - "I hear you."

Luke 2:8-9 NKJV

God led His chosen children out of Egypt to save them from Satan's wrath

"GLORY OF THE LORD shone around them"

Greek: doxa / Hebrew: kabod – glory, splendor, grandeur

Glory – God's visible presence ... the radiating glory of God's majesty

Bruce Larson says, "this was the most significant event in cosmic history."

God spoke **through** an angel.

God spoke **to** shepherds

The message: **Luke 2:10 NKJV => Luke 2:10 NIV**

A Pronouncement from Heaven **COMMANDS** your personal **ATTENTION**.

Proper Response: We say to God - "**I hear you**"

2) IT PRE-PLANS your COURSE CORRECTION - You say to God - "I see you."

Luke 2:11 NKJV - Micah 5:2 NKJV is a fulfillment of The Prophetic Proclamation.
City of David = Bethlehem (Christmas Carol – O Little Town of Bethlehem)
Bethlehem = House of Bread (John 6:35 NKJV)

Luke 2:12 NKJV - A conclusion of *The Perilous Preparation* (Matthew 2)
King Herod *refused* OPPORTUNITY to make a COURSE CORRECTION

What happened when the Shepherds *made a CHOICE* for COURSE CORRECTION?

Luke 2:13-14 NKJV - Celebration

Luke 2:14 NIV - Revelation

Some things will ONLY be revealed when we CHOOSE to make COURSE CORRECTION!

3) IT DEMANDS your personal PARTICIPATION - You say to God - "I value you."

Provocative (from provoke) – means to stir up, arouse, call forth, incite, induce, bring about.
In other words, something is going to happen!

Luke 2:15a NKJV - vast majority of our Christian lives is lived in simple obedience to God’s Word.

Luke 2:15-17 NKJV

DECISION *Let us now go to Bethlehem...*

EXPECTATION *and see this thing that has come to pass...*

DEDICATION *And they came with haste...*

CONFIRMATION *and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe...*

PROCLAMATION *Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known...*

The Shepherds did then what Pastor Beckley is calling us to do now - **PREACH JESUS!**

4) IT EXPANDS HIS NAME RECOGNITION - Others say to God - "I love you."

Luke 2:18 and 21 NKJV - The Shepherds preached Jesus!

Pastor Beckley says the reason for this Christmas series, That we **PREACH JESUS!**

Luke 2:21 NKJV - What should we preach? His NAMES!

CONCLUSION

Prince of Peace offers peace: Peace *with* God and Phil. 4:7, Peace *of* God. **PREACH JESUS!**