

Sunday, December 20th, 2020

Title: O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Text: Luke 2:8 – 20, 22 – 38;
Matthew 2:1 - 12

Introduction:

Review of the last Sunday's devotional: Holy Night

1. First Mention
2. First Declaration
3. First Response

Reading: Luke 2:8 -20; Luke 2:22 – 28
and Matthew 2:1 - 12

1. Greatest Commandment:

Matthew 22:35 -40, *“And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. (36) “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law? (37) And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (38) This is the great and first commandment. (39) And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (40) On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

1.1) “You shall love the Lord your God...”

“Thus, the Westminster Larger Catechism says in the first question, “What is the chief and highest end of man?” The answer: “Man’s chief and highest end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.”

To accomplish this Almighty God came as man to redeem man and give eternal life with Him; John 14:6, *“Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

1.2) “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

John 13:35, *“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

1.3) The “natural” man’s response to the things of Christ:
~ 1 Corinthians 2:14, *“The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.”*

~ Matthew 2:3, *“When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;”*

~ Luke 23:21, *“but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!”*

2. Greatest Revelation:

2.1) To the shepherds in Luke 2:11, *“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”*

2.2) To Simeon and Anna in Luke 2:26 and 2:28

~ Luke 2:26, *“And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.”*

~ Luke 2:38, *“And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.”*

2.3) To the wise men from the east in Matthew 2:2, *“saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”*

3. Greatest Response:

3.1) Repent:

~ Matthew 4:17, *“From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

~ 2 Peter 3:1 -18

3.2) Receive:

~ Romans 3:21 – 26, *“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – (22) the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: (23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (24) and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, (25) whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. (26) It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”*

3.3) Rejoice:

~ 1 Peter 1:8 - 9, *“Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, (9) obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”*

3.4) Reverent worship:

~ Romans 12:1 – 2, *“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (2) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*