**R1039A- Rumination for December 25, 2024**

The **T**heme: **The Creatures at Christ’s Birth** (Cont’d from R.1039)[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *There were…shepherds abiding in the field, keeping ﻿watch over their flock by night.* Lk. 2:8

**The Thots: Special Christmas Rumination on "The Creatures at Christ's Birth" –**

 Continued from **R1039** for Dec. 22, 2024 –

**A. THE SHEEP SAW THE SIGHT Lk. 2:8-14**

**1.** *And they* (the **S**hepherds taking care of the **S**heep) *were* ***A****fraid.* 2:9

1. The **S**ignificance of the **S**heep. [A Sheep when lost is completely helpless.]
2. There was a **S**udden **E**xposure - *the glory of the Lord* ***S****hone round about them* Lk. 2:9

**2.** But they were **A**ssured...  **2:10, 11**

 because of the **A**ngelic **A**nnouncement: *good tidings of great joy* 2:10,12

a. It is **U**niversal in **C**haracter - *which shall be to all people* Rom. 1:16

b. It is **U**nique and **C**osmopolitan - *this day in the city of David*

c. It is "***U****nto you*" - a **C**ommitment by God to all those who would accept. Lk. 2:11

 *For ﻿unto you is born* *this day ﻿in the city of David ﻿a Saviour, which is ﻿Christ ﻿the Lord.*

**This Christmas’ Day Rumination:**

**B. THE CATTLE SHARED THEIR SHED** because... **Luke 2:7, 16**

**1. There was no more Room** in the inn. The Shed became… … Lk. 2:7

*And she brought forth ﻿her firstborn son, and ﻿wrapped Him in swaddling clothes,*

 *and laid Him in a ﻿manger; because there was no room for them in the ﻿inn.*

a. The **S**aviour's **B**irthplace or the **S**ign of the **S**aviour. Lk. 2:12

 *This shall be ﻿a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe ﻿wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a ﻿manger.*

i. The **M**iracle of the **B**abe in **S**waddling Cloths at Birth.

 Cf. The **M**iracle of the **M**an in **S**waddling Cloths at Death. Jn. 19:40; 20:7

ii. The **M**iracle of the **B**abe in a **M**anger: The Cattle **S**hared their **S**hed and the place where they fed.

b. A **S**acred **P**lace

 **Today the Lord Jesus is still seeking for a place to be born – See Song Below**

 Man's heart can now **B**ecome the **B**irthplace of Christ, and the **H**oly **H**abitation of the Divine God.

**2. There was no Recognition of the Messiah** because **M**ortal **M**an was ...

a. Too **P**re-occup**ied** with his own **P**leasures.

b. Too Satisf**ied** with his own **Pe**rson and his own **P**ossessions. Songs & Solos 443

*Is there no room for Thee Even in Bethlehem’s inn?*

*Dost Thou who comest to Thine own From them no welcome win?* Harriet M. Kimball

**C. THE PIGEONS SPOKE OF SACRIFICE Luke 2:22-24**

 Background. Three **C**eremonies were **C**losely **C**onnected with the birth of a **C**hild. Lev. 12:1-8:

 Mother would be unclean for seven days. 12:2

\* \* Circumcis**ion** and naming the child on the 8th day. 12:3 cf. Lk. 1:59; 2:21

 Mother unclean for 33 days after the 8th day – 41st day. Lev. 12:4

\* Presentat**ion** and redemption of the child on the 41st day. Lev. 12:4

 If daughter, 14 days + 66 days – thus, on the 81st day Lev. 12:5

**1. The Sacrifice of Pigeons by the Sinning Mother.**

 Mary had to bring a pigeon for a sin offering and another pigeon for a burnt offering:

a. The **S**ignificance of the Pigeons Lev. 12:8

i. The **P**overty indicated by Offering Pigeons cf. **C**hrist becoming poor. II Cor. 8:9

ii. The **P**ropitiation of the Pigeons cf. **C**hrist made sin for us. II Cor. 5:21

iii. The **P**icture of the Pigeons – the **C**lean dying for the unclean. I Jn. 3:5

b. The **S**acrifice of the two Pigeons. Lev. 12:8

i. **O**ne for our **S**alvation – the Sin Offering, *Christ, the Saviour*.

ii. The **O**ther for our **S**anctification – the Burnt Offering, *Christ, the Lord*.

**2. The Substitution of the Pigeons.**

1. Christ, as our Burnt Offering. Heb. 10:6, 7
2. Christ, as our Sin Offering II Cor. 5:21

**3. The Sacrifice of our Selves**.

a. We also need to bring the **S**in Offering (Christ) for our **S**alvation. II Cor. 5:21

b. and also our Burnt Offering for our **S**anctification. Rom. 12.1, 2

***For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.***

**Points To Ponder:** *Which* ***C****reatures are* ***C****ompanying you this* ***C****hristmas* ***C****elebration –*

 ***R****eindeer and* ***R****obins,* ***B****ears and* ***B****unnies,* ***P****enguins?* ***Note:*** *None is* ***B****iblical!!!*

**Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne**

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown When Thou camest to earth for me

But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room For Thy holy nativity

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus There is room in my heart for Thee

...

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang Proclaiming Thy royal decree

But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth And in great humility

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus There is room in my heart for Thee

There is room There is room There is room in my heart for Thee

...

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*Wishing All* ***F****ellow- and* ***F****aithful-****F****ollowers of our Lord Jesus*

***A Blessed Christmas***

***And A Bountiful and Fruitful New Year.***

*From Me, my Wife and* ***F****amily.*