

SERMON SUMMARY

Date: December 25, 2006	Christmas Morning Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Donald Lawrence	Reference: St. Luke 2: 8-20
Topic: Christmas: Comfort and Joy in the Lord...For Laboring Ones – The Servers	



At some points along this journey called life, one can feel at times that you are just somewhere in the background to all that is happening. Christmas morning however is a morning when all are brought to center stage by the Lord and that is a reason to rejoice! This particular passage emphasizes the fact that God grace is for all. Even those who feel forgotten in the background are boldly told of their place and brought face to face with the facts of their inclusion so that they can broadcast the news to all.

Verses 8-9 speak of the **Privilege** they were given. This is a call to see that the Lord involves all. This demands of us to see how the Lord counts us in His favor because the fact is that **the Lord helps us with where we are**. *Verses 10-12* suggests the **Priority** they were given. This is a call to see that the Lord invites all. We ought to see how the Lord calls us to His favor because **the Lord helps us with where we need to be**.

Verses 13-15 speak of the **Performance** they were given. This is a call to see that the Lord inspires all. This should cause us to see how the Lord convicts us in His favor because **the Lord helps us with what we need to hear**. Finally, in *verses 16-20*, we see the **Proof** they were given. This is a call to see that the Lord ignites all. This demands of us to see how the Lord converts us to His favor because the fact is that **the Lord helps us with what we ought to be**.

The Lord of Grace has an embrace for all for it he who assigns each their place. Let us open our hearts to hear the testimony of the shepherds that “he remembers those who might feel forgotten – The Lords favor is upon us.”