

Holy: Heaven Touched Earth

Luke 2:8-14

December 14, 2025



DAY 1: THE GLORY THAT SURROUNDS US

READING: LUKE 2:8-14

The shepherds on that hillside experienced something extraordinary—the glory of God surrounded them completely. This wasn't a gentle glow but an overwhelming presence that revealed God's holiness. They were terrified, yet this fear led to the greatest news they'd ever hear. In our ordinary moments, God still breaks through. His presence may not always feel comfortable, but it's always transformative. When we encounter God's holiness, we realize how far we are from Him—yet Christmas reveals He's closing that gap. Today, consider where you've sensed God's presence breaking into your everyday life. Don't run from holy moments; let them reshape you.

Reflection: Where have you been avoiding God's presence because it feels too intense or uncomfortable?

DAY 2: THE GAP BETWEEN HOLY AND BROKEN

READING: ISAIAH 6:1-7

Isaiah saw the Lord in blazing holiness and immediately recognized his own brokenness: "Woe is me! For I am lost." God's holiness creates separation—not because He's distant, but because we're stained. Like the tinnitus of the heart, we feel this constant hum of incompleteness. We try covering it with fitness goals, therapy, busyness, or self-improvement. These aren't bad, but they can't bridge the gap. Only God can close the distance between His perfection and our brokenness. That's exactly what Christmas celebrates—God taking the initiative to come to us. Stop striving to make yourself acceptable. Recognize that Jesus has already done the work.

Reflection: What are you using to try to silence the "tinnitus" in your heart instead of turning to Jesus?

DAY 3: FEAR NOT—GOOD NEWS HAS ARRIVED

READING: LUKE 2:10-12

"Fear not"—the angel's first words to trembling shepherds. When confronted with God's glory, fear is natural. But the message immediately shifts to joy: good news for all people. The sign wasn't spectacular—just a baby wrapped in cloth, lying in a manger. God's rescue plan looked ordinary, humble, approachable. Jesus didn't arrive with intimidating power but as someone we could touch, hold, and know. The good news is that holiness became accessible. God didn't demand we climb to heaven; He descended to earth. Today, whatever fear you're carrying—of judgment, rejection, or unworthiness—hear those same words: "Fear not." Jesus came for you.

Reflection: What fears keep you from fully embracing the good news of Jesus?

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DAY 4: RECONCILED—HOLY, BLAMELESS, ABOVE REPROACH

READING: COLOSSIANS 1:21-23

This verse is staggering: Jesus reconciled us "in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him." The High Priest needed elaborate rituals to enter God's presence once a year. We get to stand before God—holy, blameless, above reproach—because of what Jesus did. Not because we've cleaned up our act. Not because we've earned it. But because Christ took our sin into His own body. This is the heart of Christmas: the baby in the manger grew up to become the sacrifice that makes us acceptable to God. You are not defined by your failures. You are defined by His finished work.

Reflection: Do you truly believe you stand blameless before God, or are you still trying to earn His acceptance?

DAY 5: CONFESS, BELIEVE, AND BE SAVED

READING: ROMANS 10:9-13

The shepherds didn't just hear the news—they responded. They went immediately to find Jesus, then left praising and worshipping God. They were changed. The Christmas message isn't just historical; it's personal and present. Today, Jesus is as close as a confession and a belief. Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord—openly agree with the truth of who He is. Believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead—sit into this reality. This is the transfer from ordinary existence to the life Jesus intended. If you've been striving, trying to cover up the brokenness, today is your day to surrender. Let His glory surround you with love and grace. Respond to the one who came close.

Reflection: What is your response to Jesus today—will you confess, believe, and let Him transform your life?