

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, Keeping Watch Over Their Flock By Night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid." Luke 2:8-9 KJV



Have you ever seen an angel?  
How about a sky full of them?  
How about a sky full of them  
singing? How awesome it  
must have been for the simple

shepherds sitting alone at night, some sleeping waiting their shift, to be suddenly in the presence of the Hosts of Heaven! I think I would be more than a little anxious. To go from chirping crickets to angel choir; from the dark of midnight to midday sun, was probably slightly disconcerting. God's Word says, "In the beginning, God said 'Let there be Light.'" It also says, "God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all!" There was Light before there was anything else, because God precedes everything! "He is before all things, and by Him all things consist." Science says light comes from the sun and stars, but they weren't created until the fourth day. Light is an elusive entity in the realm of science. They can harness its power to some extent, but they still don't fully understand its properties. In "Light" of the scriptures, without God there is no Light. The glory of the Lord must be fearful to behold! Laser light is only one concentrated spectrum of the many spectrums of light. I believe it was first invented to drill Titanium. The use it to cut steel. If God IS Light, just imagine what would happen to a human body exposed to its full intensity! Earth is approximately 93 million miles from the sun. If it was just a few miles closer, earth would burn up! Stars, for all their brightness, pale by comparison to God's glory. The Birth of Christ was a galvanizing moment in time and it was the only event heralded by a "host" of angels. There were many events heralded by angels, but never a host. God was coming to Earth! It merited unique announcement. It's interesting to note that the announcement wasn't made to kings or rulers, but to the average working man. It is so even today that God reveals Himself to the lowly and humble penitent rather than the haughty self-assured. The Saviour was usually found in the company of common sinners. He said Himself, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." His chosen twelve were common men. God makes the common, uncommon. The shepherds were so beside themselves with joy, they left their sheep! Oh, that the Glory of the Lord in our souls would impel us to forsake the mundane in pursuit of the Saviour!

The shepherds saw the Glory bright,  
It gave them such a fearful fright,  
The Heralds told of God's own Light,  
'Twas born in Bethlehem that night. -CGP

Jesus is God! God's Spirit is omnipresent. He is always where you are, but not always manifested. You have to know where and how to look. You have to seek Him to find Him. Truth is where you must start. Do you seek to know God? You must forsake the earthly to find the heavenly. Have you found the Christ? If so, do as the shepherds and spread it abroad!

"Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is His name;  
'Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."  
Jeremiah 33:2-3 KJV