

Daily Devotional, December 26, 2020

'The Days After Christmas', (Luke 2:17,20, NKJV)

“ Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child... Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them” (Luke 2:17,20)

The first Christmas had come and gone. Little Lord Jesus laid asleep on the hay. Mary was tired, even as she pondered the greatness of the Child that God had used her to bring into the world. Joseph was caring for them both, and sought how the holy family might have their practical needs met during the time of their sojourn in Bethlehem Ephrathah. The birth of the Savior was only the beginning. All of the days after His entrance into the world He created, God's work did not stop. The shepherds started evangelizing the town, and they continued that work in the days following.

This Christmas has come and gone. Jesus is no longer “Little Lord Jesus.” He is the Risen Lord Jesus. Having completed His work on earth, He is not asleep on the hay but alive in the third heaven. Tired mom, continue to meditate upon the greatness of the Newborn King. Weary men, tired from much work, even while you provide for the needs of your family, do not neglect the needs of the spirit. Shepherds, don't stop spreading the news. God in heaven **“became flesh and dwelt among us”** (John 1:14). Go tell it on the mountains, in the hills, and in the valleys, as the Lord leads. But begin at home, at your workplace, in your home, in your field of influence. Return, **“glorifying and praising God for all things”** you have **“heard and seen”** this Christmas. May the days after Christmas be spiritually profitable for you and for God's Kingdom.