

CHRISTMAS PRAISE

Luke 2

**Let's review that first Christmas as we renew our commitment
to praise Christ this Christmas!**

I. THE CONTEXT OF PRAISE (1-12)

A. THE INCARNATION (1-7)

- She brought forth her firstborn Son
- See Philippians 2:7 and Galatians 4:4-5

B. THE INTRODUCTION (8-12)

- Unto you is born a Savior

II. THE CELEBRATION OF PRAISE (13-38)

A. GLORY TO GOD (14)

- An angelic anthem
- 1. The Angel's Perception
 - a. They understood the person of Christ - Heb. 1:1-3
 - b. They marveled at the passion of Christ - II Cor. 8:9
- 2. The Angel's Praise
 - a. Assigning to God the most exalted position
 - b. A praise explosion

B. BLESS GOD (28)

- Simeon's Song
- 1. Simeon's Experience (25-27)
 - a. Waiting for the consolation of Israel
 - b. Worried about the condition of Israel
- 2. Simeon's Exclamation (28-32)
 - a. Favorable Praise (28)
 - b. Personal praise (29-30)
 - c. Universal praise (31-32)

C. THANK GOD (38)

- Anna's acclamation
- 1. Anna's ministry (36-37)
- 2. Anna's commitment (38)
- 3. Anna's report (38b)

CONCLUSION:

How will you celebrate Christmas this year?

- Will your celebration be all about parties and presents?
- Will there be a place for praise in your Christmas celebrations?