I. God Delights In Surprising Us

II. God Delights In Saving Us

III. God Delights In Satisfying Us

IV. We Respond with Worship

How does this apply to me?

INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

FATHER'S SONG

PASSAGE OVERVIEW

We often think of the announcements of Jesus' birth that came to Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph through Gabriel. In addition, as we are studying this Sunday, the angels broke out in praise to the Lord as they announced His birth to the shepherds near Bethlehem. But where was the Father? Was He silent?

The Father wasn't silent. His voice was heard as Jesus was preparing to commence His ministry. The Father spoke again on the Mount of Transfiguration, to the inner circle of disciples who were with Jesus that day.

Both of these pronouncements declare who Jesus is; the Son of God. His identity is witnessed by the Father himself. What a powerful testimony to the incarnate deity of Jesus.

The Father also declares His love for His Son. Jesus is the beloved of the Father. This is hugely important. Love characterizes God and is essential within the Godhead. The Father's words remind us that Jesus' life, actions, and mission were all pleasing to the Father. Nothing lacked in Jesus' obedience to the Father. He fulfilled every desire and expectation His Father had of Him.

The second time the Father spoke these words, He added a command for the disciples, "Listen to him." How tremendously important these words are. The premier revelation of God to man is Jesus. When we hear Him, we hear the very Word of God. He is the Word.

In our rush of life, especially at this time of year, are we listening? Do we accept every word from Jesus' lips as authoritative? Are we treasuring His words as our very food and drink?

READING FOR NEXT WEEK

Matthew 3:13-17; 17:1-8

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