

God's Move and Announcing. Your Response.

I. Introduction

How many would like to live a satisfied and happy life?

- The stark reality is that not many people live such a life
- They try to live life by surrounding themselves with “things” – fill void
 - Spouse, kids, education, achievement, car, pleasure, influence, position
 - But the void is not filled and the ache for what is real remains
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 – temp can't satisfy the ache for fulfillment – **only** eternity can!

II. God's Move - Incarnation

- Motive: Jn. 3:16 – God **so loved** the world that **He GAVE** His one and only Son
- God became man of a virgin: rescue, save, reconcile, to fill void & stop ache

III. God Announces – no **favouritism** with God (Rom. 2:11; Acts 10:34)

- To the shepherds (Luke 2:8-14)
 - Local people, uneducated, low class, poor & despised
 - Through angels (messengers) – who has God used in your life?
- To the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-2)
 - Immigrants, educated, high class, wealthy & respected
 - Through creation (star) – Psa. 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God
- God makes Himself known to all of us – people, signs, dreams, etc.
 - Personal exp. in England, South Africa & Canada

IV. The Response – the **MOST satisfying life!**

- The shepherds (Luke 2:15-20)
 - Came to see for themselves – have you come to see for yourself?
 - Gave glory and praise to God
- The Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11)
 - Came to worship Jesus (God)
 - Gave their gifts to Jesus (God)

This is what we are meant for (praise, glory, worship and gift God). This brings us deep satisfaction. This brings us real happiness.

- Personal experience – finally received Jesus as my Saviour – dream

PRAYER TO RECEIVE

RESPONSE SONG: Paul Baloche *“Offering”*

At the end of your life you won't be wishing you had bought a BMW or had received that promotion (the marketing message is a lie!) The reality is that what really matters is “relationships” (I wish I had spent more time with my kids)