

**GOD AND THE CHRISTMAS STORY**  
**LUKE 2:1-7 / 12-2-18 / AM**

**I. IN THE CHRISTMAS STORY WE SEE GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY.**

- A. We see God's sovereignty or control of history in the timing of Jesus' birth—2:1-3.
- B. God's sovereignty over Christmas reminds us that His timing and His will in our lives is always best—Ps 27:14; Ps 31:15; Hab. 2:3; Romans 8:28.

**II. IN THE CHRISTMAS STORY WE ALSO SEE GOD'S PROVIDENCE.**

- A. We see God's providence in the place of Jesus' birth—2:4-5.
  - 1. The place of Jesus' birth fulfilled O.T. prophecy—Micah 5:2.
  - 2. God's providence reveals that He has been planning Jesus' birth throughout history.
- B. Likewise, this reminds us that our circumstances are in God's hands too—Psa 34:7; Prov 19:21; Isa 14:24; Jeremiah 29:11; Matt. 19:26.

**III. IN THE CHRISTMAS STORY WE SEE GOD'S HUMILITY.**

- A. The God of this universe chose to bring His only Son into the world in a very humble manner—2:6-7.
  - 1. The manner of Jesus' birth gives us a glimpse into God's character.
  - 2. God humbled Himself in His Son during Christmas—Phil. 2:5-8.
- B. The Apostle Paul spoke of Jesus' humility in 2 Corinthians 8:9.

**IV. IN THE CHRISTMAS STORY WE SEE GOD'S GIFT.**

- A. The Bible reminds us that God is a giver—James 1:17.
- B. God also gave us the gift of his Son's birth—2 Cor. 9:15.
- C. God also gave us the gift of his Son's death—John 3:16.