

A shepherd in a grey robe and turban stands on a rocky ledge, holding a long staff. He is looking towards a town in the distance. In the foreground, two sheep are visible. The background features a hazy, mountainous landscape under a bright, golden sky. The town in the distance has several domes and spires, suggesting a Middle Eastern setting.

The Good News of Great Joy

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Main Idea

The fountainhead of our joy and peace is the good news that God sent His Son into the world to save poor sinners by reconciling us to Himself.

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Luke 1:79

**“TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS
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Hebrews 12:29

For our God is a consuming fire.

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Ecclesiastes 1:2

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Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Conclusion:

The great joy of the gospel is grounded in the grace of God's eternal peace provided to us by Christ through His work of reconciliation.

It is by meditation upon these truths that the great joy of the gospel will prevail over the great fears of this world.