



While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

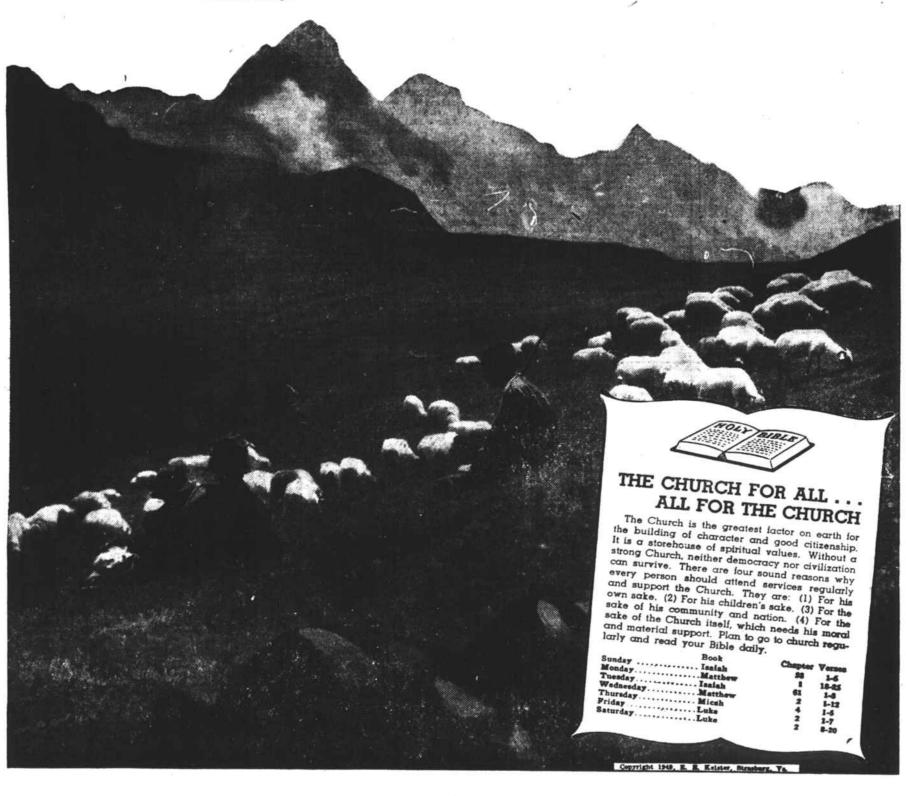
Bethlehem is a long way from the Pyrenees. And the Nativity was more than nineteen centuries ago. But shepberds have changed but little.

Shepherds are lonely men of the broad steeps. They have time to think and hope and pray. They learn to love the humble and helpless creatures of God. They are men of courage, yet men of mercy.

Perhaps that is why God chose the Shepherds to hear the Story first!

But as they hastened toward the little town to "see this thing which is come to pass" the glorious News could have meant no more to them than it can mean to every one of us.

And the King they worshipped in a humble stable, we may worship today—and always, in the churches of our community.



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