



**PEEPLES VALLEY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Together we are becoming!
One Spirit



The Little Town No one Knows

Series: [Christmas is a Time for Songs]

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Micah 5:2

² The LORD says, "Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel, whose family line goes back to ancient times." (TEV)

² But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting. (KJV)

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." (NIV)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Song by Lewis Redner and Phillips Brooks

1. Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love
Oh morning stars together, proclaim thy holy birth.
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth.
4. O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin,
enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels. The Great
glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

What do you Think was the Top 10 Greatest Cities in the World

- 1- _____ 2- _____ 3- _____ 4- _____
5- _____ 6- _____ 7- _____ 8- _____

9- _____ 10- _____

Towns like Bethlehem may seem destined for obscurity, but when God has a plan for you, there's no such thing as obscure. The same could be said for this carpenter in Nazareth, and the young woman he planned to marry. They were poor and most probably uneducated. They might have been voted by their class as Most Likely to Not Be Included in the Pages of History. Except God had a plan for them.

You may find yourself saying sometimes: Who am I? I'm nobody special. What can I do? How can I make a difference? I'm just a _____ fill in the blank. I'm just a volunteer. I'm just a helper. I'm just a homemaker. I'm just an inferior person. When God has a plan — as he certainly does for you — there's no such thing as inferior.

Three Ideas about How You and the Work you do can be Used By God

In God's economy...

1. There's No Such Thing as _____.

In God's economy...

2. There's no such thing as _____.

In God's economy...

3. There's no such thing as _____ status.

CONCLUSION Application

- I. A CITY OF _____ PROPHECY
- II. A CITY OF _____ HISTORY
- III. A CITY OF _____ MYSTERY

As we remember about "THE LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" may **HER PROPHECY** Instruct us, **HER HISTORY** Inform us, and **HER MYSTERY** Inspire us to give Jesus our Lives, our loyalty and Our Love.

I. Fulfilled II. Familiar III. Fabulous
1. Obscure 2. Forgettable 3. Amateur