

## **“A Faithful Daughter of God and of Aaron!!”**

**Luke 1:5-45 & 57-58, 66, & 80**

A1 There was in the Days of Herod, the King of Judea, a Certain Priest named Zacharias, of the Division of Abijah. His Wife was of the Daughters of Aaron, and Her name was Elizabeth. And,

B1 They were Both Righteous before God,  
Walking in All the Commandments<sup>C1</sup>  
and (Walking in All the) Ordinances<sup>C2</sup>  
B2 of the Lord Blameless.

A2 But, They had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, & They were both well advanced in years.

So it was, that while He was Serving as Priest before God in the Order of his Division, According to the Custom of the Priesthood, His Lot fell to burn incense when He went into the Temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the Hour of Incense (for the Evening Offering). Then An Angel of the Lord appeared to Him, standing on the Right Side of the Altar of Incense. And when Zacharias saw Him, He was troubled, and fear fell upon Him. But the Angel said to Him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for Your Prayer is Heard; and Your Wife Elizabeth will bear You a Son, and You shall call His name, John. And You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at His birth. For He will be great in the Sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be Filled with the Holy Spirit, even from His Mother's womb. And He will turn many of the Children of Israel to the Lord Their God. He will also go before Him in the Spirit & Power of Elijah, ‘To Turn The Hearts of the Fathers to the Children’, and the Disobedient to the Wisdom of the Just, to Make Ready a People Prepared for the Lord!” And Zacharias said to the Angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old Man, and My Wife is well advanced in years.” And the Angel answered Him, “I am Gabriel, Who stands in the Presence of God, and was sent to speak to You and bring to You these Glad Tidings. But behold, You will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because You did not believe My Words which will be fulfilled in their own time!” And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that He lingered so long in the Temple. But when He came out, He could not speak to them; and they perceived that He had seen a Vision in the Temple, for He beckoned to them and remained speechless. So it was, as soon as the days of His service were completed, that He departed to His own house. Now after those days, His Wife Elizabeth Conceived; and She hid herself five months, saying, “The Lord has dealt with Me, in the days when He looked on Me, to take away My reproach among the people!” Luke 1:5-25

Now in the sixth month the Angel Gabriel was sent by God to a City of Galilee Named Nazareth, to a Virgin betrothed to a Man whose name was Joseph, of the House of David. The Virgin's Name was Mary. And having come in, the Angel said to Her, “Rejoice, Highly Favored One, the Lord Is With You; Blessed Are You Among Women!” But when She saw Him, She was troubled at His Saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the Angel said to Her, “Do Not Be Afraid, Mary, For You Have Found Favor With God. And Behold, You Will Conceive in Your Womb and Bring Forth a Son, and Shall Call His Name Jesus. He Will Be Great, and Will Be Called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God Will Give Him the Throne of His Father David. And He Will Reign Over the House of Jacob Forever, and of His Kingdom There Will Be No End!” Then Mary said to the Angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?” And the Angel answered Her, “The Holy Spirit Will Come Upon You, and the Power of the Highest will Overshadow You; therefore, also, that Holy One Who Is To Be Born Will Be Called the Son of God! Now indeed, Elizabeth Your Relative has also Conceived a Son in Her old age; and this is now the sixth month for Her Who was called barren. For With God Nothing Will Be Impossible!” ...

... Then **Mary** said, “Behold the **Maid**servant of the **Lord**! Let It Be Done To Me According To Your Word!” And the **Angel** departed from **Her**. Luke 1:26-38

Now **Mary** arose in those days & went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the House of **Zacharias** and greeted **Elizabeth**. And it happened, when **Elizabeth** heard the Greeting of **Mary**, that the **Babe** Leaped in **Her** womb; and **Elizabeth** was filled with the **Holy Spirit**. Then **She** Spoke Out with a Loud Voice and Said, “Blessed are **You** among **Women** and Blessed is the **Fruit** of **Your** womb! But why is this granted to **Me**, that the **Mother** of **My Lord** should come to **Me**? For indeed, as soon as the voice of **Your** Greeting Sounded in **My** ears, the **Babe** Leaped in **My** womb for Joy! Blessed is **She Who** believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told **Her** from the **Lord**!” Luke 1:39-45

Now **Elizabeth's** Full-time came for **Her** to be Delivered, and **She** brought forth a **Son**. When **Her** Neighbors & Relatives heard how the **Lord** Had Shown Great Mercy To **Her**, They Rejoiced With **Her**. And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, “What kind of **Child** will this be?” And the **Hand of the Lord** was with **Him** ... So the **Child** grew and became **Strong in Spirit**, and was in the deserts till the day of **His Manifestation** to Israel. Luke 1:57-58, 66, & 80

Q1?

“Who Were These Two People - Zacharias & Elizabeth?”

A1

Longtime Hard-Working **Husband** & **Wife** Team

<sup>A1</sup> **Priest** named **Zacharias**, of the Division of Abijah.

His Wife was of the Daughters of Aaron, and Her name was **Elizabeth**.

Luke 1:5bc

A2

Longtime Faithful & Righteous Servants of the One True God

<sup>B1</sup> **They** were **Both** Righteous before God,

Walking in All the Commandments <sup>C1</sup>

and (Walking in All the) Ordinances <sup>C2</sup>

<sup>B2</sup> of the Lord Blameless.

Luke 1:6

Q2?

“What Was Their Obstacle & What Was Their Desire?”

A1 & A2

Old Age, Fertility, & A Child Of Their Own That They Desired For A Very Longtime

<sup>A2</sup> **They** had no child, because **Elizabeth** was barren, and **They** were both well advanced in years.

Luke 1:7

Q3?

“What Did They Do All That Time – While Waiting For God To Act!”

A1

They Remained Faithful, Hardworking, & Righteous, Servants of God!

So it was, that while **He** was Serving as **Priest** before God in the Order of his Division, According to the Custom of the Priesthood, **His Lot** fell to burn incense when **He** went into the **Temple** of the **Lord**.

Luke 1:8-9

A2

They Continually Brought Their Prayer of Petition in Faith Before God!

Then An **Angel of the Lord** appeared to **Him**, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

And when **Zacharias** saw **Him**, **He** was troubled, and fear fell upon **Him**.

But the **Angel** said to **Him**, “Do not be afraid, **Zacharias**, for Your Prayer is Heard; and **Your Wife Elizabeth** will bear **You** a **Son**, and **You** shall call **His** name, **John**.

Luke 1:11-13

### **Central Theological Question?**

**“What Will Be the Outcome of Your Faithfulness & Righteousness Before God?”**

**A1**

God Will Bring You Blessing, Joy, & A Faithful Inheritance!

**“And You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at His birth!**

**For He will be great in the Sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink.**

**He will also be Filled with the Holy Spirit, even from His Mother's womb.”**

**Luke 1:14-15**

**A2**

God Will Visit His People & Call Them Through You & Your Offspring.

Others Will Come To Know God & Be With Him For All Eternity Because Of Your Faithfulness!

**“And He will turn many of the Children of Israel to the Lord Their God.**

**He will also go before Him in the Spirit & Power of Elijah, ‘To Turn The Hearts of the Fathers to the Children’, and the Disobedient to the Wisdom of the Just, to Make Ready a People Prepared for the Lord!”**

**Luke 1:16-17**

### **Central Theological Truth #1**

**God Always Keeps His Promises**

Now after those days, **His Wife Elizabeth Conceived** ... **Luke 1:24a**

### **Our Faithful Response / Testimony**

**Elizabeth** said,

**“The Lord has dealt with Me, in the days when He looked on Me, to take away My reproach among the people!”**

**Luke 1:25**

### **Central Theological Truth #2**

**God's Plan is Bigger Than Our Plan,**

**His Divine Plan Seeks To Include Us & Others Together In Perfect Communion & Unity With One Another!**

**God Was Bringing His Son Into The World To Save Us & Show Us His Love For Us!**

**Q4?**

**“Is There Something In Your Life That Seems Impossible To Solve or Resolve?”**

**There Are Two Possible Solutions When Waiting On God To Respond!**

**A1 – Question His Ways & Wonder**

And **Zacharias** said to the **Angel**, **“How shall I know this?**

**For I am an old Man, and My Wife is well advanced in years.”**

**Luke 1:18**

**A2 – Believe Him & Trust Him At His Word**

Now after those days, **His Wife Elizabeth Conceived** ... **Luke 1:24a**

### **Central Theological Truth #3**

**What Seems Impossible For Us Is Never Impossible For God!**

**For God To Act Miraculously - Requires Our Complete Trust & Obedience!**

**Archangel Gabriel** said to **Mary**, **“Now indeed, Elizabeth Your Relative has also Conceived a Son in Her old age; and this is now the sixth month for Her Who was called barren. For With God Nothing Will Be Impossible!”**

**Luke 1:36-37**

**“Let Us As God's People This Morning,**

**Be Like Zacharias, Elizabeth & Mary,**

**In Being Faithful & Righteous Servants of the Lord Our God,**

**So That He May Use Us For His Divine Plan,**

**And Show Us That Nothing Is Impossible With Him,**

**For He Only Fulfills His Plans Through Our Faith & Obedience to Him!”**

God's Faithful Daughter – Mary's Response of Obedience  
Then Mary said, "Behold the *Maid*servant of the Lord!  
Let It Be Done To Me According To Your Word!"  
And the *Angel* departed from Her.

Luke 1:38

**Central Theological Truth #4**

God Desires To Give Us The Desire of Our Heart In His Good & Perfect Timing & Will:  
By Giving Us His Presence Forever Through Jesus Christ Our Lord!

**For God To Act - Requires Our Faithful Response of Adoration, Praise, Thanksgiving, & Worship!**

God's Faithful Daughter – Elizabeth's Response as a **Canticle of Praise**

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Luke 1:39-45

**Central Theological Truth #5**

God Will Give Us The Desire of Our Heart:  
By Giving Us Godly Offspring As Our Eternal Inheritance,  
& God's People Will Rejoice With Us Over His Blessing!

**God's Blessing Is Our Inheritance For All Eternity**

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Luke 1:57-58, 66, & 80

*"Please Rise Faithful & Holy Children of God Our Father  
For His Divine Blessing On You Today As:  
Grandfathers, Grandmothers, Godfathers, Godmothers,  
Fathers, Mothers, Sons, & Daughters!"*