

The Announcement of Christ's Birth (2)

Luke 1:39-80

- I. The Events leading up to Christ's Birth Vs 1-25
- II. The Announcement of Christ's Birth Vs 26-38
- III. The _____ of God's miraculous workings after the announcement of Christ's Birth Vs 39-56
 - A. The joy of _____ Vs 39-45
 - 1. Mary knowing she is about to become a mother and that Elizabeth is due to deliver her child in three months, Mary wishes to visit Elizabeth so they could _____ together at the wonderful working of God in them both.
 - 2. The power of God working in those who are _____ to be used
 - a. Mary arrives and gives a greeting to Elizabeth Vs 30-40
 - b. Elizabeth responds as God gives her _____ and understanding Vs 41-45
 - 1. She blessed Mary because she understood Whom Mary was carrying
 - 2. She acknowledged that Mary was blessed _____ all women, but not blessed _____ all women
 - B. The joy of _____ Vs 46-56
 - 1. Mary's joy is generated by her recognition of God at work
 - a. Her soul is filled with _____ to God Vs 46
 - b. Her spirit is made happy as she reflects on her _____ and Savior Vs 47
 - c. She reflects on the grace of God in her life and the ramification of God's grace in her life which results in a time of _____ praise and worship of God Vs 48-55
 - 1. She recognizes that what is taking place is _____ of God Vs 49a
 - 2. She acknowledges His holiness Vs 49b
 - 3. She testifies of her knowledge of His _____ Vs 50
 - 4. She recognizes God's fulfillment of His promise to Israel of a coming Redeemer Vs 51-55
 - a. God deals with the wicked in judgment Vs 51-52a, 53b
 - b. God is there for the weak, yet _____ ones Vs 52b-53a
 - c. God keeps His _____ Vs 54-55
 - 2. Mary find a safe haven by staying with Elizabeth until Elizabeth's time of delivery Vs 56
- IV. The birth of Christ's fore runner and _____-laborer Vs 57-80
 - A. Having remained in seclusion, news of Elizabeth's pregnancy had been minimized Vs 24
 - B. Now when John is born, news spreads fast and with _____ commentary Vs 57-58
 - C. Zacharias is about to experience the fulfillment of God's sign to him concerning his question as to how God would make possible the birth of a son to him and Elizabeth. Vs 9-22, 59-64
 - 1. This personal experience with God caused Zacharias to _____ in his confidence in God's promises and _____. Vs 64
 - 2. Zacharias' personal testimony of God's working in his life provoked godly fear on those who _____ what had happened. Vs 65a
 - 3. Zacharias' personal testimony had far reaching effects Vs 65b-66
 - D. The joy of Zacharias- he bursts forth in _____ and proclaiming what God's Word had already promised Vs 67-80
 - 1. Praise to God for His faithful _____ of His promises Vs 67-79

- a. Zacharias's proclamations were concerning the birth of Jesus because Gabriel had told him John would be the one to go before Christ announcing Christ's ministry Vs 14-17
- b. Now experiencing the events of this miraculous event, Zacharias reflects on the majesty of the _____ Vs 69-79
 1. He recognized that Jesus was the Deliverer, and his son, John, was a special _____ of that Biblical fulfillment Vs 69
 2. He recognized this as a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy which God had given to the Old Testament prophets Vs 70
 - a. God's ultimate _____ (which is yet to take place) Vs 71-74a
 - b. That the fulfillment of that promise would _____ worship and obedience from those delivered Vs 74b
 - c. That as part of God's fulfillment of these promises, God would use his _____ John to play a major role in all of this being fulfilled Vs 76-79
2. John's physical and spiritual development Vs 80
 - a. He grew _____ "The child grew"
 - b. He grew _____ "Waxed strong in spirit" (spirit-understanding and intellect)
 - c. He grew _____ "Was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel"
 1. John, being a _____ from birth, was dedicated to God from his birth.
 2. Being in the deserts, he would be away from large crowds of people and _____ with the Lord
 3. His time alone with the Lord would be a time of spiritual growth

Conclusion: 1. We need to be _____ for God to use. 2. We need to be willing to _____ as God directs. 3. We need to _____ God's hand in all areas of our life. 4. We need to give all glory to God for _____ us to be used by Him. 5. We need to get into the practice of _____ worship and praise to God for His active role in our lives. 6. We must recognize life is about God's _____ being accomplished. 7. We must be willing to faithfully _____ God no matter where He places us in in this life as part of His ultimate plan of eternity