

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 which results in \_\_\_\_\_ praise and worship of God Vs 48-55
        - 1. She recognizes that what is taking place is all of God's doing Vs 49a
        - 2. She acknowledges His \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 49b
        - 3. She \_\_\_\_\_ of His mercy Vs 50
        - 4. She \_\_\_\_\_ God's fulfillment of His promise to Israel of a coming Redeemer Vs 51-55
          - a. God deals with the wicked in \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 51-52a, 53b
          - b. God is no respecter of a person's \_\_\_\_\_ in life Vs 52b-53a
          - c. God keeps His \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 54-55
    - 2. Mary finds \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 24
  - B. Now when John is born, news spreads fast and with \_\_\_\_\_ comments Vs 57-58
  - C. Zacharias is about to experience the \_\_\_\_\_ 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 9-20, 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, and had far reaching effects. Vs 65-66
  - D. Zacharias, empowered by God, 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 what \_\_\_\_\_ had told him concerning John's going before Christ announcing His ministry Cf. Vs 14-17
- b. Now Zacharias reflects on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God Vs 68b-79
  1. He acknowledges that Jesus is the Deliverer, and his son John has a special \_\_\_\_\_ of this Biblical fulfillment Vs 69
  2. He recognizes 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) is spoken of Vs 71-74a
    - b. God's deliverance of His people will \_\_\_\_\_ worship Vs 74b
    - c. God would use his John as a major \_\_\_\_\_ in life and ministry of Christ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 accomplish His plans in the world.
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.