

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

Luke 2:40-52

Jesus grows up

A focus on Jesus remarkable understanding and His relationship with His heavenly Father

God's favor on Him as He continues to walk in His divine mission.

A household that serves God

Familial claims do not take precedence over our call to serve God.

1. Righteous family vv. 40-42

40: Now the Child continued to grow and become strong, being filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

~Bookends with v.52

~Wisdom

~Grace of God

41 And His parents would go to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

~ a righteous family who was faithful to observe God's commands.

~ observing Passover (**Exodus 12:1-29**)

42 And when He became twelve years *old*, they went up *there* according to the custom of the Feast;

~The OT commands Jewish men to come to Jerusalem for 3 annual festivals: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles (Booths). (**Exodus 23:14-17**)

~Jewish Passover begins the Jewish year (15th of Nisan). March or April on our calendar.

~Men were required to go women attending was a show of piety.

~ 60 miles as the crow flies. 80 to go around Samaria. 3 or 4 day travel.

~Jesus 12th year 1 year before a man was considered responsible before God. Bar Mitzvahs came after the time of Jesus.

~Go up! Ascension to God.

2. Rescue Mission vv. 43-45

43 and as they were returning, after finishing the days *of the Feast*, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents did not know.

~Stayed the whole seven days instead of leaving after 2.

44 But supposing Him to be in the caravan, they went a day's journey, and they *began* searching for Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

45 When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem searching for Him.

3. Recovery and Realization vv.46-50

46 And it happened that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

~Questions and answers with teachers

~Only account where Jesus is taking instruction.

~Jesus is portrayed as one with a thirst for spiritual things to understand and discuss matters of eternal importance.

47 And all who heard Him were astounded at His understanding and His answers.

~Understanding or insight

~the audiences amazement shows respect.

48 When they saw Him, they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, "Child, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You."

~amazed and relieved

His parents must come to understand His mission

49 And He said to them, "Why is it that you were searching for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's *house*?"

~First time Jesus speaks in Scripture(?)

~Reveals His focus on His calling and purpose.

~Expresses His unique attachment to His Father.

~The house is not just a place but a realm of authority

~Jesus declares the importance of being in His Father's house, where God's presence resides, and where instruction about God is being given.

50 But they did not understand the statement which He had spoken to them.

~There is a constant recognition of the struggle with His parents, disciples, and those who hear Him grasping His Word and understanding the spiritual significance of the things He says.

4. Resolution and Results vv. 51-52

51 And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them, and His mother was treasuring all *these* things in her heart.

~Subjection to His parents

~Mary ponders these things in her heart (1:29, 66, 2:19)

~Submits for 17 years. At some time during this point in His life Joseph dies.

52 And Jesus was advancing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

~See verse 40.

In the coming days of our study many questions will be asked and realized:

What will God's redemption look like?

How will it be accomplished?

Will Israel receive or reject their Messiah? Why? Why not?

Where is His Kingdom?

What will be the repercussions of Jesus' walking in His Father's will?

How does His life fulfill the law and the Prophets?