

## The Announcement of Christ's Birth (2)

Luke 1:39-56

- 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 39-40
    - 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,
        - 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
- 53b
- 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 resulted in 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 fulfilment 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.

