

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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THE PRESENTATION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

THE DEDICATION AND MINISTRY OF CHILDREN

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The Message of the Bible is a Message of Hope and Deliverance.
it is message that announces to us...

That God is at Work in Our Lives;

And So We're Careful in Life
To Dedicating and Presenting to God All of What We Have and Are.

Never More is This True Than in Our Family Life

"Altar Building"
is a Deeply Personal Thing, That Goes Public!
it's a Holy Thing, That Binds You the Rest of Your Life

John's young and new little life was surrounded by devotion and dedication.

**this child would grow up in a home that would honor God.
John would be growing up no stranger to the Bible, no stranger to Ministry and no stranger to
the Listening for God's Voice - he was a prophet in the molding!**

I.) *The Dedicated Parents*

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the dedicated parents visited and blessed by God

Verse 59-61

So it was, **on the eighth day**, that they came to **circumcise** the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. **:60** His mother answered and said, “No; he shall be called John.” **:61** ¶ But they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.”

NAMING A CHILD IN THE HEBREW CULTURE

there was nobody named that in the family because such "grace" had been seen before! - the uniqueness of a child.

Verse 62-66

:62 So they **made signs** to his father—what he would have him called. **:63** ¶ And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is **John**.” So they all marveled **:64** **Immediately** his mouth was **opened** and his tongue **loosed**, and he spoke, **praising** God! **:65** Then **fear** (reverential awe) came on (1) **all who dwelt around them**; and (2) **all these sayings were discussed** (3) throughout **all the hill country** of Judea. **:66** And (4) all those who heard *them* **kept them in their hearts**, (5) saying, “What kind of child will this be?” And the hand of the Lord was with him.

FAITH IS BELIEF, PUT INTO ACTION
remarkably, faith enables us to speak

Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. **:2** For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony. **:3** By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

This Is What The Angel Gabriel Had Prophesied,
Nine Months Earlier!

Luke 1:14

And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

Note With Me Please;
The Immediate and Spontaneous Opportunity for Ministry
as Zacharias Begins to Praise God!

Zacharias, now the Evangelist

Psalm 35:28

And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness
And of Your praise all the day long.

Psalm 40:5

Many, O LORD my God, *are* Your wonderful works *Which* You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; *If* I would declare and speak *of them*, They are more than can be numbered.

Throughout the Book of Acts it's so...

Acts 2:46-47

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, :47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

**Note With Me Please;
The Instant Ministry of John the Baptist
(The Ministry of Our Children)**

Why or How? - Because He was Dedicated Unto God

**TO THIS DAY GOD HONORS THE SANCTITY
OF THE FAMILY**

The Authority of the Parent
The Husband and the Wife, The Father and the Mother
(as imperfect as it is - it works and there is no alternative, none)

The Love of a Father
The Love of a Mother
The Growth of a Child into These Things - Miracle!

What's the Witness of This Dedicated Family?

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THE PRESENTATION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Means that There is a Dedicated Parent(s)

II.) The Dedicated Child

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the dedicated child surrounded by love and devotion

**Zacharias Speaks by the Power of The Holy Spirit,
Prophecy of Both The First and Second Comings of Christ...**

Luke 1:67-68

Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: **:68** "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has **visited** and **redeemed** His people, (*how does he know - because the old testament had said so*)

Redeemed - the doctrine of redemption

it means to buy back. to deliver from bondage,
This Truth of the Bible is Offensive to Many.

just the thought that Jesus had to die makes people uncomfortable, why?
because for any man or woman to recognize the fact that Jesus died for their sin
implies that there is something wrong with them.

**The Ever Loving, Always Forgiving, Gentle Jesus
is fine if you just leave Him there.**

"Don't Give This Jesus Who Had to Die for Me"

That Jesus Christ Terrifies People

Implication? something terribly went wrong

Matthew 18:11

For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

1 Timothy 2:5-6

For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the Man* Christ Jesus, :6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

Galatians 4:4

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, :5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Titus 2:13-14

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, :14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

by placing my faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, I am then freed from the penalty of sin and the power of sin.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Verse 69

And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David, (***how does he know - because the old testament had said so***)

Verse 70

As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who *have been* since the world began, (***how does he know - because the old testament had said so***)

Verse 71

That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us, (***how does he know - because the old testament had said so***)

Verse 72

To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant, (***how does he know - because the old testament had said so***)

Verse 73

The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:
(***how does he know - because the old testament had said so***)

Verse 74

To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear,
(***how does he know - because the old testament had said so***)

Verse 75

In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. (*how does he know - because the old testament had said so*)

It's as Though Zacharias Pauses and Turns and Looks into the Face of Baby John and says...

Verse 76

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, (*how does he know - because the old testament had said so*)

**Perhaps This Verse Should be Upon
The Ordination Degree
of every true minister of the Gospel.**

Verse 77

To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins, (*how does he know - because the old testament had said so*)

Verse 78

Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; (*how does he know - because the old testament had said so*)

Verse 79

To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.” (*how does he know - because the old testament had said so*)

THE PRESENTATION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Means that There is a Dedicated Child

III.) *The Dedicated God*

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the dedicated God dedicated to them performing God's will in life

Verse 80

So the child **grew** and **became strong** in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his **manifestation** to Israel.

Imagine With Me All the Hope and Expectation
that would now surround John all his living days?

Zacharias and Elizabeth
must have been overjoyed just to be having a baby.

but John was more than just a baby, he was a prophet
(the ministry of a prophet was, is twofold; to tell others what God
has done and what God was about to do)

What of Our Children in These Times?

we believe,
that it's expected of us to prepare them for Harvard - so we should

we believe,
that it's expected of us to prepare them for Financial Security - so we should

we believe,
that it's expected of us to prepare them for Adult Life - so we should

we believe,
that it's expected of us to prepare them for the Future - and so we should

**But Never are These Things to be First.
None of those Lofty Pursuits are to be the Goal.**

The Very First Thing of All is That a Child be Dedicated Unto the LORD !

Dedicate Them To God

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