Sunday, December 15, 2019

Lesson Text: Luke 1:57-64, 67-79

King James Version (KJV)

I. THE PERFORMANCE OF GOD’S WILL (Luke 1:57-64)

57. Now Elisabeth’s full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

58. And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.

59. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

60. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John.

61. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

62. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called.

63. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.
64. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God.


67. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

68. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

69. And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

III. THE ANCIENT PROMISES ARE HERE (Luke 1:70-75)

70. As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

71. That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

72. to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;
73. The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

74. That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

75. In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.


76. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

77. To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

78. Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

79. To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

New International Version (NIV)
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57. When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.

58. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

59. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah,

60. but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.”

61. They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.”

62. Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child.

63. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.”

64. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God.

67. His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

68. “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

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PRACTICAL POINTS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. When God answers prayer, we need to remember to acknowledge His faithfulness publicly (Luke 1:57, 59-60; Psalms 105:1-2).

2. Doing what God directs us to do is far more important than following customs (Luke 1:61-64).


5. The eternal God keeps His Holy Word intact despite the passing of time (Luke 1:71-73).

6. God’s Word brings the message of salvation to us (Luke 1:74-75; Romans 10:9-17).

7. God uses believers to be witnesses for Him of His forgiveness and grace (Luke 1:76-79).

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