



"come just as you are"
Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing

~Thought For The Day~



Prayer.....

Jesus; I ask that You bless and keep each person and shine Your face upon them and give them peace. Open their spiritual ears to hear and receive; their spiritual eyes to see and receive; and their minds, spirits, souls open to Your love and that they receive it. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

5 THERE was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. (1Chr 24:10; 6) And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. Luke 1:5-7

11 And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell on him. 13 But the angel said to him, Fear not, Zacharias: for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elisabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. Luke 1:60; 14 And you shall have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. Luke 1:58; 15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. Judg 13:4; 16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. Mal 4:6; Matt 11:14; 17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Matt 3:2; Mark 9:12; Mal 4:6;

18 And Zacharias said to the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. Gen 17:17;

19 And the angel answering said to him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak to you, and to show you these glad tidings. 20 And, behold, you shall be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because you believe not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. Luke 1: 11-20

26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. Matt 1:18; 28 And the angel came in to her, and said, Hail, you that are highly favored, the Lord is with you: blessed are you among women.

29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said to her, Fear not, Mary: for you have found favor with God. 31 And, behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS. Isa 7:14; Matt 1:21; 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give to him the throne of his father David: Isa 54:5; 2Sam 7:12; Ps 132:11; Isa 9:7; 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 1Chr 22:10; Ps 45:6; Ps 89:36; Jer 23:5; Dan 7:14; Dan 7:27; Mic 4:7; Heb 1:8; Luke 1: 26-33

34 Then said Mary to the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Ghost shall come on you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, your cousin Elisabeth, she has also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible. Job 42:2; Jer 32:17; Zech 8:6; Matt 19:26; Luke 18:27;

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her. Luke 1: 34-38

The special emphasis of Luke is the humanity of Jesus. Representing Jesus as the Son of God. Luke features His kindness toward the weak, the suffering and the outcast. The gospels were intended for all mankind; Matthew, seems to have had an immediate view of the Jews; Mark, the Romans, and Luke, the Greeks. The Jewish civilization had been built around their scriptures. Therefore Matthew appeals to their scriptures. Roman civilization gloried in the idea of government, power. Mark calls attention to the miracles of Jesus as exhibiting His superhuman power. Greek civilization represented culture, philosophy, wisdom, reason, beauty, education. To appeal to the thoughtful, cultured, philosophic Greek mind, Luke in a complete, orderly, and classical story, which has been called the "Most beautiful book ever written," depicts the glorious beauty and perfection of Jesus, the ideal, universal Man. Then to these three gospels, John added his, to make it clear and unmistakable that Jesus was GOD in human form.

Luke's name is mentioned only three times in the New Testament; Colossians 4:14, where he is called the "beloved physician," Philemon 24, where he is called Paul's "fellow-worker"; and 2 Timothy 4:11, indicating that he was with Paul in the dark hours of approaching martyrdom. In all three passages mention is made also of Mark, indicting that Mark and Luke were companion workers.

(note that in those days, most people in a trade of any kind, were in a mentoring program, meaning they worked as Luke probably did with another doctor, many times they lived with the person mentoring them for many years, some went to school (college) but with the distances and transportation sometimes it was not possible unless they lived around bigger towns, than of course some traveled to the towns lived there and went to school but at the same time still worked with someone in the profession they were learning in, they did have a license or certificate. Even in the United States in the earlier years some doctors did not go to college they were trained by another doctor, that was their college, and of course limited colleges. RN's also used to learn from doctors or another nurse, they in the beginning were not licensed, the doctors trained them, etc. They were not allowed to marry being a nurse as it was supposed a family/husband would interfere with the medical work. Many lived in the hospitals, they were allowed time off, but always on hand, so that medical care would not be interrupted. There were also in small towns mid wives, whom also took on the role in the towns of medical care, as most had no doctor, the doctors would travel from time to time to the towns and over see the care in a fashion. They also made the medication from the plants and were usually taught by a doctor the different how too's to make the meds, and many were ground into powder and mixed. My Grandmother was a midwife in a small town for many years, it was all the medical care people had unless they were willing to travel a distance. My Grandmother was raised by her Uncle and Aunt and he was a doctor in Neosho, Missouri and my Grandfather's Dad was a traveling horse back Baptist preacher, they also traveled on horse back from town to town, he from around Eureka Springs, Arkansas...he had traveled to Missouri to preach and met my Grandmothers; Uncle and Aunt and in a arranged marriage took her back to Eureka to marry his son. A little trivia today, sort of explains how the ways were somewhat different than, but modified today, still in practice though; college, a trade. Cool huh? It all came from the Bible days.) (Take a journey into the history of the culture than, it makes you feel like you are right there watching it all unfold; the clothes, houses, jobs, food, etc. and would like to suggest if any of you are around Eureka Springs, Arkansas go to see the passion play, they re-enact all of Jesus' journey they even built a reproduction of the town, it is like you are watching it in live TV...so powerful.) (I had back slid when I got married, and the passion play had such a huge impact on me, it was a huge seed He planted in me to draw me back.)

In the latter part of the book of Acts, the varying use of the pronouns, they and we, indicate that Luke was with Paul from Troas to Philippi, in the early part of Paul's 2nd missionary journey, and that, about 6 years later he re-joined Paul at Philippi at the close of Paul's 3rd missionary journey, and was with him, through his imprisonment in Caesarea and Rome, to the end. It is thought that Luke wrote his gospel about the year A.D. 60, while Paul was in prison in Caesarea, and followed it with the book of Acts during Paul's imprisonment in Rome the next two years, for the two books, addressed to the same person, are in a sense, two volumes of one work. Luke's two year travels in Caesarea, A.D. 58-60, afforded him abundant opportunity to get, firsthand, from original companions of Jesus, and first founders of the Church, accurate information concerning all details. Caesarea was only a few miles from Jerusalem. Jesus' Mother may have been still alive, at John's home in Jerusalem. Luke may have spent many precious hours with her, listening to her reminiscences of her wondrous Son, and James, Bishop of Jerusalem, Jesus' own brother, could have supplied Luke with full details of the whole story of Jesus' life.

Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the Synoptic Problem because they give the same general view of Christ's life, recording to some extent, the same things. Their authorship, mutual relations, and possible connection with a common original is called the Synoptic Problem. It is thought that Mark's was the earlier of the gospels, and that Matthew enlarged Mark's and that Luke made use of both. Others think that Matthew wrote first, and that Mark made a abridged edition of Matthew's gospel. Jesus life and His sayings were repeated orally for years by the Apostles and others, and were in common circulation among Christians. They were the substance of the daily preaching of the Apostles.

Chapter 1:1-4. Narratives were already in existence, about Jesus. Luke carefully examined all authentic records, and consulted all available eyewitnesses and original companions of Jesus that he might sift out the exact facts. Theophilus to whom this gospel and the book of Acts are addressed, or dedicated, was a Roman Official of high rank, as indicated by the title Most Excellent. It is not known who he was. He may have been one of Luke's converts, in Philippi or Antioch. It may be that he bore the expense of publications of Luke's two books, in have copies made for many Churches.

Chapter 1: 5-25. The event on which Old Testament prophecy converged was at hand, the arrival of Messiah. The closing Old Testament utterance was that Elijah would reappear as his harbinger (Malachi 4:5-6). An angel now notifies the old priest that his child, yet to be born, is the one to whom that prophecy pointed. Jesus so interpreted the passage (Matthew 11:14). John another Elijah. Zacharias's wife was one of the daughter's of Aaron. Elisabeth was barren and both were advanced elderly. An angel, Gabriel, appeared to Zacharias and told him of the coming birth of a son, and you shall call him John, he must not drink no wine nor strong drink and he will be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit even in and from the mother's womb. (Interesting proof that a fetus has life.) He will turn back and cause to return many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. He was to go before Jesus in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn back the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient and incredulous and unpersuadable to the wisdom of the upright [which is the knowledge and holy love of the will of God]-in order to make ready for the Lord a people [perfectly] prepared [in spirit, adjusted and disposed and placed in the right moral state]. [Isa 40:3 ; Mal. 4: 5, 6]. Zachariah doubted the angel, and he said he was an old man, and that his wife is well advanced in years. The angel told him who he was, and since Zachariah doubted, he was told you will be silent and not able to speak till the day when these things take place, because he did not believe the angel.

Elizabeth was in the sixth month of pregnancy and Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth. He went to a girl never having been married and a virgin engaged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. Joseph was out of the house of David and John came from descendant of Aaron. This is part of prophecy foretold of the coming Messiah. Amram took Jochebed his father's sister as wife; and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and Amram lived 137 years. Exodus 6: 20. Do you see how God started lining things up?? For the birth of Jesus and for John to go before him to prepare the way, note that John was Jesus' cousin and was by some months older than Jesus. Gods ways are higher, and He lines everything up and puts it in place to ready what He wants done, He will even take bad things that happened in our lives for His purpose, thus the saying, something good comes out of the bad.

Mary is told by the angel that Jesus will be born, the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will over shadow you and so the holy Thing which shall be born of you will be called the Son of God. Mary said; behold I am the handmaiden of the Lord, let it be done to me according to what you have said. And the angel left her. Mary went to visit Elizabeth, and the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit. Than Elizabeth said; blessed above all other women are you! And blessed is the Fruit of the womb! Mary said; my soul magnifies and extols the Lord. Than Zachariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave the written prophecy.

And the little boy grew and became strong in spirit; and he was in the deserts until the day of his appearing to Israel.

[Halley's Bible Handbook; 1965; pages 485-486 ; KJV and Amplified Bible with narratives notes from research]

Psa 119:105

Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.



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Define....

Philosophy—1. (n.) The knowledge of phenomena as explained by, and resolved into, causes and reasons, powers and laws.

2. (n.) A particular philosophical system or theory; the hypothesis by which particular phenomena are explained.

3. (n.) Practical wisdom; calmness of temper and judgment; equanimity; fortitude; stoicism; as, to meet misfortune with philosophy.

4. (n.) Reasoning; argumentation.

5. (n.) The course of sciences read in the schools.

6. (n.) A treatise on philosophy.

Wisdom—

1. (n.) The quality of being wise; knowledge, and the capacity to make due use of it; knowledge of the best ends and the best means; discernment and judgment; discretion; sagacity; skill; dexterity.

2. (n.) The results of wise judgments; scientific or practical truth; acquired knowledge; erudition.

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