

“Zacharias-A Study”

Luke 1:5-7

Introduction

- I. Luke's Gospel account begins differently than Matthew's and Mark's.
 - A. Luke addresses the birth of John.
 - B. In so doing, we learn of his father, Zacharias.
- II. Studying Zacharias will help us with some things in our own lives.
 - A. Zacharias was an example of faithfulness.
 - B. Zacharias was an example of human frailty.
 - C. Zacharias was an example of trust.

Discussion

- I. Zacharias was an example of faithfulness.
 - A. The name, Zacharias, means “Jehovah is remembered”.
 - B. Zacharias served as a priest in the Temple (Luke 1:8-9).
 1. It is said that priest's would draw lots to determine the one that offered incense.
 2. It was considered very highly to ever get to do such (Eccl. 7:8; Zacharias was old when he got the opportunity [steadfastness])
 - C. Zacharias, and his wife Elisabeth, were “righteous” and “blameless” (Luke 1:5-6).
 1. The Law of Moses was a “yoke” that was hard to bear (Acts 15:10; only Jesus fulfilled it perfectly).
 2. Deuteronomy 6:4-5
 3. Hebrews 10:28-29
 - D. Zacharias was a loyal husband, regardless of offspring (Luke 1:7).
- II. Zacharias was an example of human frailty.
 - A. Zacharias had the privilege of seeing an angel (Luke 1:10-12).
 1. This “shook” Zacharias.
 2. Thankfully, the angel offered comfort to Zacharias (Luke 1:13-17).
 - B. Even a person who is “blameless” and “righteous” has struggles (cf. Abraham and Sarah; Mark 16:11).
 - C. A “sign” was given to overcome his concern (Luke 1:20-23).
 - D. We are given enough evidence that we should not be ones that allow doubt to sway us (John 5:36; 20:27; 2 Pet. 1:3).
- III. Zacharias was an example of trust.
 - A. After Zacharias went home, he and his wife were blessed with a child (Luke 1:24, 57-58).
 - B. Zacharias and Elisabeth believed the message from Gabriel and named their son John (Luke 1:13, 59-63).
 - C. After doing what Gabriel had revealed, Zacharias was able to speak and prophesy (Luke 1:64-80).
 - D. Zacharias had gone from concern to trust.
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Conclusion

- I. Zacharias is a good study for those who seek to serve the Lord.
- II. We should take his examples and reflect upon our own lives.