

December 10, 2017
Luke 1:5-25

HOW CAN I BE SURE?

I. Introduction:

II. A Look At Zechariah The Priest

- A. A _____ Priest Vs. 5-9
- B. A _____ Priest Vs. 10-17
- C. A _____ Priest Vs. 18-20
- D. A _____ Priest Vs. 21-25

III. Observations:

- A. God _____ And Observes Our Lives

6] “Both of them were upright in the **sight of God**, observing all the Lord’s commandments and regulations blamelessly.” Luke 1:6

- B. No One Is Too _____ To Be used Of God

“they were both **well along in years**.” Luke 1:7

- C. _____ It Is _____ That Pleases God

“How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.” Luke 1:18

“Now faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17

“Without faith it is impossible to please God.”
Hebrews 11:6

III. Conclusion and Application:

POINTS TO PONDER
Week Beginning December 11th
Luke 1:5-25

Open It

1. What significant events happened the year you were born?
2. *What experiences of complete surprise have you recently had?
3. At this point in your life, what do you consider your most important responsibilities?

Explore It

4. Who were Zechariah and Elizabeth? (1:5-7)
5. What characteristics did Zechariah and Elizabeth have in common? (1:5-7)
6. How well did Zechariah and Elizabeth handle the frustration of childlessness? (1:6, 13, 25)
7. How were Zechariah and Elizabeth "upright in the sight of God"? (1:6)
8. For what duty was Zechariah chosen by lot? (1:8-10)
9. *What experience gripped Zechariah with fear? (1:11-12)

10. What facts can we note about angels from the information in this passage? (1:11-12, 19)
11. What promises did Gabriel make concerning the child who would be born to this elderly couple? (1:13-17)
12. What instructions did Gabriel give Zechariah about his and Elizabeth's role as parents? (1:14-16)
13. How did Gabriel describe the main purpose of John's life? (1:16-17)
14. What conclusions can we draw about Zechariah from his answer to the angel's announcement? (1:18)
15. *Why was Zechariah rendered unable to speak until the day of the prophecy's fulfillment? (1:19-20)
16. *How did Elizabeth react to Zechariah's news? (1:25)
17. How many miracles are referred to in this passage? (1:9, 11, 20, 24)

Get It

18. What can we learn from Zechariah and Elizabeth that would help us handle long-term disappointments?
19. *How did God demonstrate in the lives of these two people that He is sovereign?
20. Why were Zechariah and Elizabeth entrusted with the knowledge of God's purpose for the life of their son?
21. *When have you doubted the reality of God's wonderful provision for you?
22. What do you think Zechariah or Elizabeth felt during those extraordinary days?

23. What could God do in a person's life today that would have as big an impact as the angel's visit to Zechariah?
24. In what way is the birth of a child a sign of God's blessing?
25. In what ways does God want to use us today?
26. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being low, 10 being high), how would you rate your level of expectation that God could do something amazing through your life?

Apply It

27. *What long-term frustration can you identify in your life that needs to be entrusted to God?
28. How can you strengthen your realization that God is in control of the events of your life?