



Eternal Influence
Luke 1

Luke 1:5-6

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest of Abijah's division named Zechariah. His wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both were righteous in God's sight, living without blame according to all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.

A Life marked by:

I. Spiritual Devotion

- Personal Commitment
- Providential Constraint

Verses 8-9

When his division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, it happened that he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense.

II. Saddening Circumstances

Verse 7 – "...they had no children because Elizabeth could not conceive, and both of them were well along in years."

III. Sacrificial Surrender

Verses 13-16

Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. There will be joy and delight for you, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord and will never drink wine or beer. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother's womb. He will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God.

IV. Significant Impact

Verse 57 – "Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she had a son."

Verse 76-77 – “And child, you will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give His people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins.

Verse 80 – “The child grew up and became spiritually strong, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.”

Verse 36-38 – “And consider your relative Elizabeth--even she has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God. ‘I am the Lord’s slave,’ said Mary. ‘May it be done to me according to your word.’”