

Magnification of Faith in the midst of fear, Part 2

Luke 1:5-25; Gen. 17:15-19; 18:10-15

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Introduction

Throughout the OT, the LORD reassured His people that they didn't need to live in fear. Listen to a few passages -

To Abram – Gen. 15:1-6 – Do not be afraid

To Isaac – Gen. 26:24 – Do not be afraid

To Jacob – Gen. 35:17 – Do not be afraid

To the Nation of Israel – Jer. 46:27-28 – Do not fear

To Daniel – Dan. 10:10-12 – Do not be afraid

The message of Scripture is don't let your fears control you, believe the promises of God.

Let's remember one important thing in Scripture – God wants to remove the shame and disgrace from our lives – that's why He sent His Son. That shame and disgrace that comes as a result of sinful choices can be removed when we simply believe the promises of God and walk by faith.

Passages that will be read – Deut 6:24-25; Daniel 8:16-17; 10:10-12; Isa. 6:1-5; 1 John 5:4-5

This son to be born to you is being sent for a purpose, the purpose is about the future of the nation and the world and eternity.

1. He will be great, cp. Luke 7:28
2. He will live a Nazarite lifestyle, cp. Numbers 6
3. He will be filled (pimplemi) with the Holy Spirit – this filling is for the task of preparing the way for the Lord. The phrase “filled with the HS” is found eight times in Luke-Acts – Luke 1:41, 67; Acts 2:4; 4:8, 31; 9:17; 13:9.
4. He will bring people back to the Lord, see Mal. 4:6
5. He will go before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah, cp. Matt. 11:14
 - a. To turn the hearts of the fathers to their children
 - b. To turn the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, Prov. 1:2-3
 - c. To make ready a people prepared for the Lord

The Scriptures are full of signs that God is fulfilling His promises for this world.

We have several signs being given in this moment of history.

The first sign was the lot being cast for Zechariah, vs. 9.

The second sign was the message from Gabriel, vv. 13-20.

The third sign is the silence of Zechariah, vs. 20.

The fourth sign is the pregnancy of Elizabeth, vv. 24-25.

The fifth sign is Gabriel's message to Mary, vv. 26-38. Nothing is impossible with God, vs. 37.

The sixth sign is Mary's visit with Elizabeth, vv. 39-45. Elizabeth was filled with the HS, vv. 41-45.

The seventh sign is the birth of John, vs. 57.

The eighth sign is the naming of John, vv. 59-62.

The ninth sign is the broken silence of Zechariah, vs. 64.

The tenth sign is the prophesy of Zechariah, vv. 67—80 Zechariah was filled with the HS, vs. 67.

Conclusion

Do you live in fear due to the circumstances in your life?

Sometimes these fears are as a result of the unfair judgment of others.

Sometimes these fears are the result of a physical limitation you've had since birth.

Sometimes these fears are the result of personal failure and the consequence to choices we've made.

Do not fear says the LORD – but overcome your fears by believing the promises of God, because nothing is impossible with God, Read 1 John 5:4-5.