

“Recognizing God at Work”

Luke 2:21-40

Sunday, February 22, 2026

1. Faithful Obedience Shapes Identity (21–24)

- A. (Mic 6:8) "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?" NKJV
- B. (Ga 4:4–5) "⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." NKJV

2. Patient Faith Sees What Others Miss (25–30)

- A. (Is 49:13) "Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people, And will have mercy on His afflicted." NKJV
- B. (Pr 13:12) "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life." NKJV

3. True Salvation Demands a Response (31–40)

- A. (Is 8:14) "He will be as a sanctuary, But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense To both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem." NKJV
- B. (2 Ch 11:16) "And after the Levites left, those from all the tribes of Israel, such as set their heart to seek the LORD God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD God of their fathers." NKJV

Write-up

In this message from **Luke 2:21–40**, we see how God reveals His salvation through faithfulness, patient waiting, and hearts willing to respond. As we reflect on Recognizing God at Work, we discover how obedience shapes identity, how hope anchored in God’s promises learns to wait, and how Christ’s light reveals what is already in our hearts—not to condemn, but to redeem. This passage invites us to see where God is at work today and to respond with trust, gratitude, and faithful devotion.

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Join us this Sunday as we open **Luke 2:21–40** and discover keys to Recognizing God at Work—taking note of how God shapes identity through obedience, reveals His salvation to patient faith, and invites us to step into His light, revealing His unfolding plan and who we are.