Luke 1:5-25 For the week of 9/15/2024

<u>Reflection</u>

1. What were some of the takeaways for you, from Sunday's sermon?



Scripture says that the birthplace of John was "the hill country... a town in Judah¹." Tradition holds that the town was Ein Karem.

¹ <u>The Holy Bible: English Standard Version</u> (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Lk 1:39.

- 2. See the details in verse 5 and answer the following questions:
 - a. When was John's birth foretold?
 - b. Who is Zechariah?

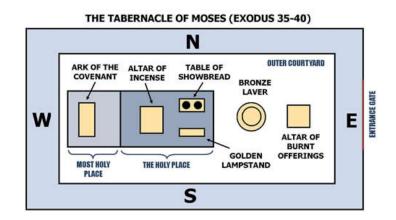
c. Who is Abijah (note: not the king – see I Chronicles 24, especially verse 10)?

- d. Who is Elizabeth?
- 3. List and define the characteristics of Zechariah and Elizabeth found in verse 6.

4. How was being barren viewed at the time this was written? (Gen 29:31-30:1; Deut. 7:14-15; 1 Sam 1:4-7; Luke 25:24)

5. How do you handle the death of dreams and/or deep disappointment? How can you maintain righteousness in the midst of this kind of loss?

6. Read Luke 1:8-14. How does verse 8 relate to the previous verse 5?



7. What is the significance of "the burning of incense?" (See Ex. 30:1-10, especially the end of verse 10, Ps. 141:2; Rev. 5:8, 8:3)

8. What was Zechariah and the whole multitude doing during this time? How did God respond?

9. Luke writes, "your prayer has been heard."² Are your prayers heard? Why or why not?

² <u>The Holy Bible: English Standard Version</u> (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Lk 1:13.

10. How does Luke describe John in verses 15-17?

11. What is the importance of the "spirit of Elijah" in verses 17-18? (See also Mal. 4:5-6; Matt 17:1-13)

12. Is Zechariah's question an innocent one (vs. 18)? Why or why not?

13. How does the angel respond to Zechariah's question and why?

14. Have you ever had doubts about God? Have your doubts ever altered His plan or love for you? Why or why not?