

## SCRIPTURE

**Luke 1:5-25 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named **Zacharias**, of the division of **Abijah**. His wife *was* of the **daughters of Aaron**, and her name *was* **Elizabeth**. <sup>6</sup> And they were **both righteous** before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord **blameless**. <sup>7</sup> But they **had no child**, because Elizabeth was **barren**, and they were both well advanced in years. <sup>8</sup> So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, <sup>9</sup> according to the custom of the priesthood, **his lot fell** to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup> Then an **angel** of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> And when Zacharias saw *him*, **he was troubled**, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, **for your prayer is heard**; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name **John**. <sup>14</sup> And you will have **joy and gladness**, and **many** will rejoice at his birth. <sup>15</sup> For he will be **great in the sight of the Lord**, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> He will also go before Him in the spirit and **power of Elijah**, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to **make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**” <sup>18</sup> And Zacharias said to the angel, “**How shall I know this?** For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.” <sup>19</sup> And the angel answered and said to him, “**I am Gabriel**, who stands in the presence of God, and was **sent to speak** to you and bring you these glad tidings. <sup>20</sup> But behold, you will be **mute** and not able to **speak until the day these things take place**, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.” <sup>21</sup> And the people **waited** for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. <sup>22</sup> But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and **they perceived that he had seen a vision** in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless. <sup>23</sup> So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. <sup>24</sup> Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, <sup>25</sup> “Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on *me*, to take away my **reproach** among people.”

## TAKE AWAYS

1. God knows the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God is looking for those who will remain \_\_\_\_\_.
4. God \_\_\_\_\_ you where you are.
5. Not only does God \_\_\_\_\_ you, He \_\_\_\_\_ you.

BIG IDEA: Some provision is anticipated, some has already been provided.