

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5-25 (NKJV) ⁵ 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**. ⁶ And they were **both righteous** before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord **blameless**. ⁷ But they **had no child**, because Elizabeth was **barren**, and they were both well advanced in years. ⁸ So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, **his lot fell** to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹ Then an **angel** of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And when Zacharias saw *him*, **he was troubled**, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ 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**. ¹⁴ And you will have **joy and gladness**, and **many** will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ 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.**” ¹⁸ 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.” ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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.” ²¹ And the people **waited** for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. ²² 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. ²³ So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. ²⁴ Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, ²⁵ “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.