

# Luke 1:5-25

## 4 Insights Into God's Answers To Life Questions



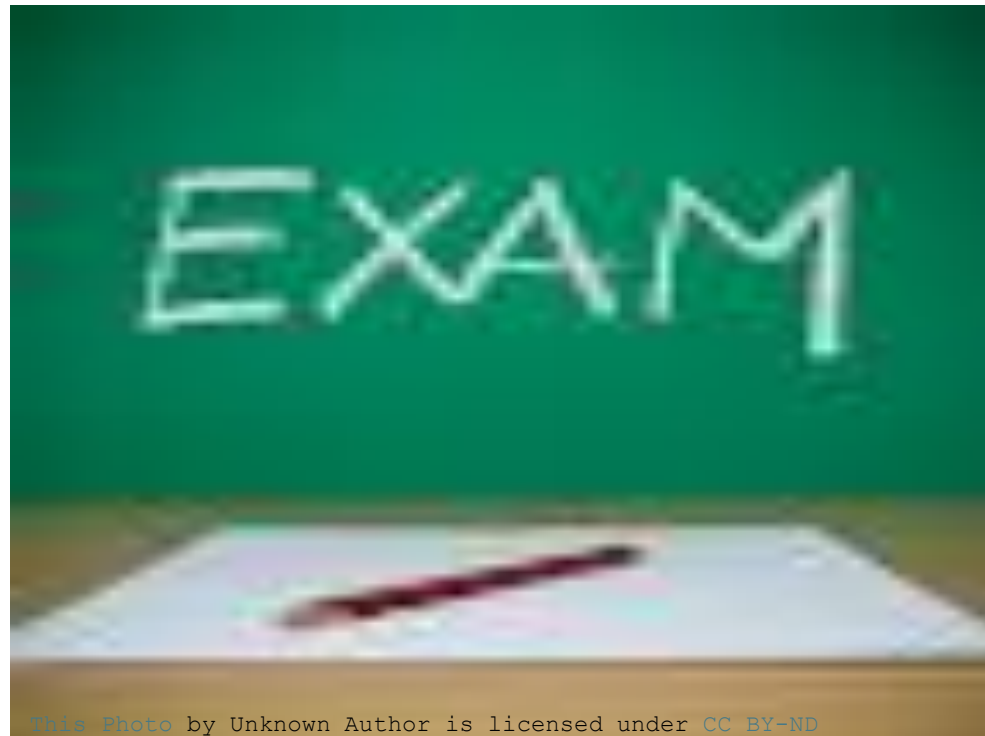
# Background/Context

- Author: Luke (also wrote book of Acts) Written (62-65 AD)
- Audience: Gentile audience; also “Theophilus” (cannot identify for certain)
- Purpose: show that Jesus’ free gift of eternal life is for all people
- Here we introduced to godly couple; Zacharias and Elizabeth; both godly and faithful in service
- They had special part in God’s plan of Jesus’ birth and ministry

# God Works Out His Answers Whether We Are Aware Of It Or Not

- (vv. 5-7) After 400 hundred years of relative spiritual silence, God works to accomplish His will
- Zacharias & Elizabeth; very godly yet still had problems
- Believers are not exempt from the challenges of life
- Zacharias & Elizabeth had no children; this seen as a terrible curse; heavy burden to bear
- God is not absent in the silence; He is always working

- John 5:17, “But Jesus answered them, ‘My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.’”
- 2 Cors. 1:20, “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.”



# God Answers In His Time And Way

- (vv. 8-13) Luke shows faithfulness of God; He not late or forgetful; always perfectly orchestrates His answers
- Zacharias chosen to place sacred incense on temple's altar of incense; great honor and here divine appointment
- While serving at hour or prayer, answer comes!!
- At just the right moment, God provided answer
- God's timing is always perfect

- Is. 55:8-9, “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”
- Ps. 147:5, “Great is the Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.”



# God's Answers Often Stretch Our Faith

- (vv. 14-22) Zacharias receives God's answer through ministry of Angel Gabriel
- When the answer arrives, he struggles; has hard time believing because of his age
- Gabriel seeks to encourage; how can you doubt, I am from God
- To help grow faith Zacharias not able to speak until baby born
- Day by day, trust and faith would grow

- Matt. 7:7-8, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”
- Mark 9:24, “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, ‘Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!’”





# God's Answers Are Connected To His Word

- (vv. 23-25) & (v.57) All of God's promises to Zacharias and Elizabeth were fulfilled
- Answers came at exactly the right time
- Also; God promised in Malachi 4:5-6, there would be a special forerunner of the Messiah who be like prophet Elijah; Scripture was fulfilled in personal answer to Zacharias and Elizabeth
- God's answers will never contradict His Word
- Many answers to life questions are found in Bible

- Psalm 119:105, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
- Psalm 119:133, “Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.”

