



SERMON NOTES

We Are A People - Obeying the Word Pt. 5

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Scripture's Prophetic Purpose and Power

“In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will 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 for the Lord a people prepared.” (Luke 1:5-17 ESV)

“8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

14 “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in

a manger. 17 Now when they had seen Him, they made [d]widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.” (Luke 2:8-18 NKJV)

“Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” 2 Peter 1:20-21 ESV

I) Ancient Scripture become prophetic utterances over your life.

- a) There are ancient words of prophecy waiting on you to hear.
- b) Ancient Scriptures become “NOW “words over our individual and corporate lives. These ancient words have within them explosive nuggets of divine imprint and that
- c) John the Baptist isn't even conceived, and he gets a prophetic word.
- d) Zachariah is getting a prophetic word and he does not recognize it.
- e) The shepherds find their place in the ancient scripture of Micah 4:2 and Michah 5
- f) Regardless of who we are we have a prophetic word from scripture but many of us never claim our inheritance promises.

II) Ancient Scripture becomes our Land of Promise:

- a) The Holy Spirit administrates our “Legal Disclosures.”
“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.” (John 16:13 NASB)
- b) The Holy Spirit as our Advocate discloses our inheritance Promises.
- c) The terms and conditions are found in the Promises “But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, And there shall be holiness; The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. (Obadiah 1:17)
- d) The turmoil to obtain our Inheritance is a real combat.

This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith. (1 Timothy 18-19 ESV)

“Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.” (1 Timothy 4:13-16 ESV)

e) Only when you face the danger in the Land, are you worthy of inheriting the Promises of the Land.

i) Promised lands are inheritances awaiting our maturity.

ii) Behind every problem is a promise.

iii) A promise is the provisions to a problem.

iv) Promises come with problems.

v) Anyone can recognize a problem, but only the mature discover promises.

vi) Focus on the promise not the problem...this is where we must search the scripture for ourselves

f) Practical on How to Receive our Prophetic Promises

i) Start by Pausing, have a Selah moment. What aspect of a promise is the Lord highlighting. Set aside all negative attitudes and emotions. The pause is to reorient yourself into hope which is the confident expectation of good.

ii) Stand before Him. You are a joint heir. Who is the heir? Jesus. What does he inherit? Everything. So what do I inherit? Everything as I stand with and in Jesus. 1 John 4:17.

iii) Agreement with God. Explore, rejoicing, thanksgiving strengthens your attention

iv) Confess the word. Confess is to say the "same as". Whatever God is saying to you, say back to Him. Acknowledge His trustworthiness. He is always full of faith for you. To trust in God's nature leads to trust in His power. We guarantee the promise fulfillment by the posture of our heart

v) Take a step forward into accepting and receiving. Take a step out of negativity and step into the promise. Hold your ground with joy. John 15:11.

vi) Reclaim what belongs to Him. Have an encounter with the provider.

vii) Take possession in Jesus Name. It is about ownership. He paid a price so you can have pride of ownership of you. So you do not need to take pride of ownership regarding what you know you own.

III) Ancient scripture that has our name on it!

a) A case study: King Josiah

i) 2 Chronicles 34 & 2 Kings 23

ii) 1 Kings 13:1-2 280 years earlier

b) Finding your name in the Scripture profoundly shocks you into action and