

Luke 1:13-17

Lessons From the Womb

Luke 1:13-17. The angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God.

And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous – to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Lk 1:42,44. In a loud voice [Elizabeth] exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!... As soon as he sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy...

Jn 18:36. “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight...

Kingdom of the World

Life from world

Self-centered

Caesar ideal

Power Over

Sword (law)

Regulate behavior

Practicality/efficiency

Temporal

Conquer enemies

Kingdom of God

Life from God

God-centered

Christ ideal

Power Under

Cross (grace)

Transform lives

Faithfulness

Eternal

Convert enemies

Matt. 5:39 Do not resist (*anthistemi*) an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also....

Luke 6:27. “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

Rom. 12:17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all....Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Eph 4:31-5:2 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice...be kind... tenderhearted ... forgiving ...as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us....

Lk. 1: 12. [Gabriel says to Zachariah,
“ Do not be afraid, Zechariah: your
prayer has been heard. Your wife
Elizabeth will bear you a son...”

**John in the Womb
was Created by God**

Lk 1:14 “...he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.”

**John in the Womb
is Filled With The Holy Spirit**

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**In the Womb God Already
Had Plans for John's Life**

Lk 1: 44. Elizabeth said to Mary, “As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.”

**God Communicated Truth
Through John in the Womb**