

# Insights from Luke

Introduction and God's Revelation to  
Zacharias

Luke 1:5-25

## **II Corinthians 8:16-19**

“<sup>16</sup> But thanks be to God who puts the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of Titus.<sup>17</sup> For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest, he has gone to you of his own accord.<sup>18</sup> We have sent along with him the brother whose fame in the things of the gospel has spread through all the churches; <sup>19</sup> and not only this, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us in this gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and to show our readiness.”

## Luke 1:1-4

“<sup>1</sup> Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, <sup>3</sup> it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; <sup>4</sup> so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.”

Women, lepers, orphans, and the poor.

## **Luke 1:5-7**

“<sup>5</sup> In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.”

“Fear gripped him”

or

“fell upon him”

## **Judges 6:22-23**

“<sup>22</sup> When Gideon saw that he was the angel of the Lord, he said, ‘Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face.’ <sup>23</sup> The Lord said to him, ‘Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die.’”

## **Judges 13:22**

“<sup>22</sup> So Manoah said to his wife, ‘We will surely die, for we have seen God.’”

## **Daniel 8:15-17**

“<sup>15</sup> When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one who looked like a man. <sup>16</sup> ... and he called out and said, ‘Gabriel, give this man an understanding of the vision.’ <sup>17</sup> So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and fell on my face; but he said to me, ‘Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end.’”

## **Luke 1:16-17**

“<sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, **TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN**, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.””

## **Malachi 4:5-6**

“<sup>5</sup> Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”

## **Malachi 3:1**

“<sup>1</sup> ‘Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,’ says the Lord of hosts.”

## **Luke 1:18-22**

“<sup>18</sup> Zacharias said to the angel, ‘How will I know this for certain? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years.’ <sup>19</sup> The angel answered and said to him, ‘I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.’ <sup>21</sup> The people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple. <sup>22</sup> But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he kept making signs to them, and remained mute.”

**Note the historical  
markers by Luke.**

**Contact with the Holy  
always creates fear in  
human beings.**

**Zacharias heard the angels and  
had the answer to his prayer,  
but he could not tell anyone.**

**Why don't we tell anyone?**

**When you read the Bible,  
believe the Bible.**