



BIBLICAL LESSONS FROM QUARANTINE: **ELIZABETH**

(LUKE 1: 5-24; 39-45; 57-66)

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Elizabeth

Daughter of priest, wife of Zechariah the priest, mother of John the Baptist
Importance of spiritual foundation for children even if that foundation goes against culture and popular customs
Spiritual foundations and respect for holiness have great future benefits in terms of God's purpose (Proverbs 22: 6)
Parents must be in charge of the home and set standards that are to be obeyed---throughout one's life

Zechariah, (vss. 5-23)

The calling or purpose of God requires patience not politics; manners not maneuvering; nearness not notice
One should strive for excellence, consistency and humility because we never know when or where the purpose or vision of God will be revealed.

Elizabeth (vs. 24)---NOT DISGRACEFULLY BARREN BUT DIFFERENTLY BLESSED

The judgment of custom and culture and the perception and purpose of God

The issue of not being able or not choosing parenthood for both women and men
There is nothing wrong with having children or wanting to have children and there is
Nothing wrong with not having children or not wanting to have children.
True womanhood and manhood do not depend upon the womb or virility but upon
Character
Commitment
Caring
Competence
Conviction
Conversion to Christ

Many of us therefore are NOT DISGRACEFULLY BARREN. Rather we are DIFFERENTLY BLESSED.

The anointing of God is always greater than the antagonism of people.
The blessings of God are always greater than the burdens of people.
The calling of God is always greater than the curses of people.
The excellence of God is always greater than the expectations of people.
The favor of God is always greater than the fickleness and foolishness of people.
The healing of God is always greater than the hurt of people.
The justice of God is always greater than the jealousy of people.

The love of God is always greater than the liking of people.
 The mission of God is always greater than the mockery of people.
 The nearness of God is always greater than the nastiness of people.
 The opportunities of God are always greater than the opinions of people.
 The promotions of God are always greater than the prejudice of people.
 The purpose of God is always greater than the perceptions of people.
 The redemption of God is always greater than the rejection of people.
 The selection of God is always greater than the standards of people.
 The vision of God is always greater than the views of people.

Elizabeth's quarantine (vs. 24)

The gifts, miracles, and favor we carry sometimes need special care and consecration.
 Sometimes we must quarantine so we can hear from God without being swayed by the opinion of others who do not understand or misjudge what the Lord is saying to us, what the Lord is doing with us and what the Lord has put within us or upon us.
 Sometimes we must self-quarantine to get a clearer understanding or revelation of people around us.
 Sometimes we must self-quarantine as preparation for the transition that the miracle we are carrying will bring into our lives.
 Sometimes we must self-quarantine until the time comes for the revelation of what we are carrying.
 God has a time for the revelation of the vision.

Mary's visit to Elizabeth (vss. 39-45)

When we are obedient and are committed to what God's purpose and vision, God will bring like-minded persons to us
 The persons whom God brings to our lives will understand us because of what they are carrying themselves
 The persons whom God brings to our lives will encourage us, enlighten us, and awaken new life within us
 When we have the right spirit, we will not feel threatened, intimidated or jealous of what others have

Bringing forth the miracle or vision or God's vision (vss.57-66)

We must be prepared for others to misunderstand or misinterpret what comes forth from us after quarantine.
 Some persons will insist on labelling the new after the old with which they are familiar (Zechariah, the Lord has remembered)
 However, what we bring forth is John (the Lord is gracious). What we bring forth is a new move and season of the graciousness of God.