

Sunday, 12-24-2023

2023-2024 Winter Quarter
Unit I: Profiles in Faith

Lesson 4: The Faith of Elizabeth and Mary
Bible Background: Luke 1:1-25, 39-45, 56-60
Printed Text: Luke 1:36-45, 56 KJV/NIV
Devotional Reading: Philippians 4:10-19

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, give us the faith to trust You enough to open our lives to You. Do to us what You must so that You can do through us what You will. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen*

Exposition and Application of the Scripture: – The Faith of Elizabeth and Mary – Luke 1:36-45, 56

A. What Faith in God Will Do (vv. 36-38) – p. 159

- (v. 37) – Does my doubt limit/hinder God’s work through me? – **Genesis 17:17; Judges 6:14-23; Sat: “Believe” – John 20:19, 24-29**
- (v. 38) – Is my lifestyle exemplifying trust/obedience in God or fear/doubt because I only know of Him? – **Tue: “God Is My Refuge” – Psalm 91; Romans 10:8-13**

B. The Visitation of Two Women Believers (vv. 39-40) – p. 159

- Am I too proud to yield to another regardless of age or role/position, especially in God’s house? – **Fri: “Zechariah Doubts but Elizabeth Rejoices” – Luke 1:18-25 (Bible Background)**
- (v. 39) – Does age matter when it comes to being called for His service?
- Do I only share what I’m waiting to receive; how God has used me to bless others; or ALL the good things He has done in my life? – **Wed: “The Lord Has Done Great Things” – Joel 2:18-27**

C. A Joyful Leap of Faith (vv. 41-45) – p. 160

- (v. 41) – How was my reaction when I received the gift of the Holy Ghost?
- (v. 43) – Am I envious of how God is using others over me?
- How in tune is my walk with Jesus Christ in accordance with the scriptures? – **Matthew 22:34-40; Mon: “Contentment in Every Situation” – Philippians 4:10-19 (Devotional Reading)**

D. Taking Time to Ponder the Mighty Acts of God (v. 56) – p. 160

- Do I take time to stop and reflect on the message(s) the Father has given me through His means? – **1 Corinthians 11:23-29**