

Angelology: Dealing With Your Burdens God's Way!

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Luke 1:5-66

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Psalm 148:1, *Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights above. 2 Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His heavenly hosts. 3 Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars...5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at His command they were created,*

Psalm 103:20, *Praise the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His word.*

Hebrews 1:6, *And again, when God brings His firstborn into the world, He says, "Let all God's angels worship Him."*

Hebrews 1:5, *Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?*

Luke 1:11, *Then an **angel** of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. 13 But 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**.*

Dealing With Your Burdens God's Way:

1) Even Righteous People Carry **BURDENS**

Luke 1:5, *In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah...his wife Elizabeth... 6 Both of them were righteous in the*

sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. 7 But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

-Truth: Not All Burdens Are Created EQUAL

2) Faithfulness Is The Groundwork For God's ACTIVITY

Luke 1:9, *he (Zechariah) was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.*

-Don't Let Your Burden Keep You From SERVING GOD

3) God Chooses To Bless In His TIMING

Luke 1:14, *He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord... 17 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.” 18 Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.” ...20 And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”*

-God's Timing Doesn't Always Make SENSE

4) Waiting On God's Blessings Requires Patient FAITH

Luke 1:24, *After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. 25 “The Lord has done this for me,” she said. “In these days He has shown His favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.” ... 57 When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. 58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.*

-God Is The Source Of All BLESSINGS

5) When God Blesses BE FAITHFUL

**Luke 1:59*, On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, 60 but his*

mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John." ...63 He (Zechariah) asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." 64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. ... 66 Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?"...

Questions For Reflection:

- Are you letting your burdens keep you from serving God?
- Have you remained faithful after God's blessing?