



Bible Study
Wednesday, December 13, 2023

The Spirit Filled Life, Part 2
Luke 1:67-70

Brief Review from Last Week

“A Lifestyle of Thanksgiving” is natural and normal for an individual filled with the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18-21**). When we are filled with the Spirit (Word - **John 6:63**), we operate under the influence of the Word of God. In our text, Zacharias (the father of John the Baptist) was filled with the Holy Spirit and we can observe what a Spirit Filled Life looks like.

First, he praised God (Luke 1:68). The Spirit led Zacharias to bless or speak well of God. He eulogized God. Praising God in this text indicates praise and adoration on the part of the creature in recognition of the power and prerogatives of the Creator and the privileges enjoyed as the result of His gracious gifts. Therefore, when we are Spirit-Filled, we praise God (speak well of Him).

This Week

Second, he sees the activity of God in real-time (Luke 1:68b). Zacharias’ praise wasn’t without thoughtful connections. When John was born, Zacharias saw God’s activity in real time. He wasn’t blind to what God was doing. When the Spirit leads us, we see the activity of God (**Isaiah 43:19, 21**). Zacharias saw God visiting, looking upon to help, His people (**Luke 1:68**). Zacharias saw God redeeming/delivering His people (**Luke 1:68**). Zacharias saw God raising up a mighty Savior (**Luke 1:69**). When you are saturated with God’s Word, you recognize His activity and know that it is only from His power!

Third, he repeated God's promises (Luke 1:70, 72-72). Zacharias connected what God was currently doing to what God said He would do in the past (Jeremiah 23:5). Although we stand in awe of what God is doing and fervently praise Him for it, we are not surprised that God is doing it, because God said He would. Can you connect what you see God doing to what God has said? What Scripture can you connect to what you are seeing God do right now in your life? When you see the activity of God right now you see it through the lenses of what God already said. You know that God keeps His Word.

What do you see God doing right now in your life?

What Scripture says what you stated above?

Lastly, he knows his responsibility (Luke 1:74b-75). Zacharias knew that the reason God was doing all of this was so that he might boldly serve God by being holy and righteous all the days of his life. This would impact how he raised John the Baptist (Luke 1:76-79). When you are Spirit-filled, you recognize your responsibility to God. When God does anything, it is so that people will glorify Him and live for Him. He delivers so that you would serve Him (Exodus 3:12). He blesses you so that you would serve Him (Deuteronomy 8:18).

When we are Spirit-filled, there's evidence! "A Lifestyle of Thanksgiving" is natural and normal for an individual filled with the Holy Spirit.