

Word of God Speak! - Gospel of John Series 1c

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Message...

John 1:6-9

6 God sent a man, John the Baptist,

7 to tell about the Light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony.

8 John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the Light.

9 The One who is the True Light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

*(See Luke ch. 1 - John the Baptist's birth.)

Luke 1:18

Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure this will happen? I'm an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years."

Why did Zechariah not believe the angel's message from the Lord?

Is it ever too late for God to work?

Luke 1:19-20

19 Then the angel said, "I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was He who sent me to bring you this good news!

20 But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time."

Why do you think Zechariah didn't believe?

What does the Bible teach that we should be confident about in the following verses?

1 John 5:14-15

14 And we are confident that He hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases Him.

15 And since we know He hears us when we make our requests, we also know that He will give us what we ask for.

What pleases God? *See James 4:3

John 14:13

You can ask for anything in My name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.

John 15:7

But if you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

Matthew 21:22

You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it.”

Does your prayer request bring glory to God?

Does your request build upon your obedience to His word?

Do you trust Him for what you are asking?

**See Hebrews 11:6; James 1:6-7*

Do you believe that there is a “proper time” for God to answer your prayer?

*“...my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time.”
Luke 1:20*

How should I wait for God’s “proper time”?

Psalms 40:1

*I waited patiently for the Lord to help me,
and He turned to me and heard my cry.*

Luke 1:24-25

24 Soon afterward his wife, Elizabeth, became pregnant and went into seclusion for five months.

25 “How kind the Lord is!” she exclaimed. “He has taken away my disgrace of having no children.”

Do you believe God can answer your prayer and change your circumstance?

Luke 18:27

*He replied, “**What is impossible for people is possible with God.**”*

The rest of the story...

Luke 1:57-65

57 When it was time for Elizabeth’s baby to be born, she gave birth to a son.

58 And when her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had been very merciful to her, everyone rejoiced with her.

59 When the baby was eight days old, they all came for the circumcision ceremony. They wanted to name him Zechariah, after his father.

60 But Elizabeth said, “No! His name is John!”

61 “What?” they exclaimed. “There is no one in all your family by that name.”

62 So they used gestures to ask the baby's father what he wanted to name him.

63 He motioned for a writing tablet, and to everyone's surprise he wrote, "His name is John."

64 Instantly Zechariah could speak again, and he began praising God.

65 Awe fell upon the whole neighborhood, and the news of what had happened spread throughout the Judean hills.

What does God want you to believe/trust?

What does God want you to know about His working?

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Does God hear your prayer?

Do you expect God to answer your prayer?

Are you willing to wait for His timing?

Is your request something that pleases Him?