

Luke 1:5-ff

"And they were **both righteous** before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years."

Zechariah - God has remembered. Elizabeth - God has promised. John - God has graciously given.

Put these all together: God has remembered His promise and graciously given. Luke 1:20 "And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time."

Mark 4:24 "<u>Consider carefully</u> what you hear," ... "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more."

Jeremiah 1:12

"Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am [actively] watching over My word to fulfill it." Romans 10:17

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Faith Works: Romans 10:8-10 "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart ... For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Mark 11:23

"For assuredly, I say to you, whoever <u>says</u> to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says." World is voice activated!

3 Hindrances To Hearing 1. DOUBT James 1:6-7 "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;"

2. FEAR

Mark 5:35-36

"Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

3. UNBELIEF Hebrews 3:16, 19, 4:2 "For who, having heard, rebelled? ... So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief ... but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it."

Joshua 6:10

"Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, 'You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of **your mouth**, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout."" Be quiet! I don't want anyone to mess this up!

Proverbs 18:21 (AMP) "Death and life are in <u>the power of</u> <u>the tongue</u>, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life]."

Luke 1:34, 37-38

"Then Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I do not know a man?'... 'For with God nothing (NO RHEMA) will be impossible.' Then Mary said, 'Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be (AMEN) to me according to your word.""

Luke 1:59-ff

"So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John."

Luke 1:78-79

"... because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

John 8:12

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, '<u>I am the light of the</u> world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.""

All the darkness in the world cannot put out one candle flame.

Jesus is the light. It is Jesus or darkness.

The world was made for HIS light.

Everyone in the world needs His light

The whole world will be filled with HIS light.

John 12:36

"While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

Matthew 5:14

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be

hidden."

James 1:17

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the **Father of lights**, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

COME TO THE LIGHT!

