

Ensure fellowship with God through 1 John 1:9

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We are studying the events leading up to the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, the promised descendent of David and Abraham who would rule an eternal kingdom on earth from David's throne. The Archangel Gabriel announced to Zacharias that he would have a son and his name would be John and John's mission would be to make ready a people prepared for the coming their promised Messiah – this descendent of David. To accomplish this John had to be filled with the Spirit, therefore . . .

Luke 1:15, 28

(15) "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb - [out from his mother's womb].

The next appearance of the Archangel Gabriel would be to the one who would give birth to the promised seed. The descendent of Abraham and David. Gabriel appears to Mary.

(28) And coming in, he said to her, "**Greetings, favored one!** The Lord is with you."

"Greetings" - χαίρω

CHAIRO – to rejoice; to be glad

"Favored one" - χαριτόω

CHARITOO (verb form) – to bless or bestow favor upon

- Mary is the one who God is in the process of bestowing blessing on and actually has.

"Lord is with you" - μετα + σου

META SU – with you (in the company of Mary)

Interpretive translation "...Rejoice, one who God has chosen to and is in the process of bestowing favor upon! The Lord *will be* in your company."

And now you can see why she is confused... (vs. 29) **But she was very perplexed...**

And when would this happen?

Luke 1:31

(31) "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

When she bears a son will the Lord not be in her company?

- The Lord will be with her when she bears the promised descendent of David and Abraham and names Him Jesus.

(32) "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

(33) and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

Note the following:

- 1) "Will give Him the throne" vs. 32
- 2) "His father David" vs. 32
- 3) "Reign" vs. 33
- 4) "Kingdom will have no end" vs. 33

Compare with 2 Samuel 7:12-13

- 1) "Will establish his kingdom" vs. 12
 - Parallel to "Will give Him the throne" Luke 1:32
- 2) "Your descendent" vs. 12
 - Parallel to "His father David" Luke 1:32
- 3) "Throne" vs. 13
 - Parallel to "Reign" Luke 1:33
- 4) "Kingdom forever" vs. 13
 - Parallel to "Kingdom will have no end" Luke 1:33

2 Samuel 7:12-13

(12) "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.

(13) "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

(32) "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

(33) and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

- Just what is Gabriel saying to Mary? The promised descendent of David is coming into the world through her. And the Davidic Covenant will be fulfilled!

Mary's response in faith and complete surrender - -

(38) And Mary said, "Behold [*see, behold – you're looking at*], the bondslave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Gabriel also communicated to Mary something about Elizabeth - -

(36) "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.

(37) "**For nothing will be impossible with God.**"

(39) Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah,

(40) and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

(41) When Elizabeth **heard** Mary's greeting, the **baby leaped** in her womb...

"Baby" – βρέφος

BREPHOS- a fetus

"Leaped" - σκιρτάω

SKIPTAO – to leap or spring about; a kick

What do Zacharias and Mary have in common? They were both paid a visit by Gabriel who stands in the presence of God and receives orders from God - to bring messages to believers.



“**Heard**” - ἀκούω
AKOOUO – to hear

Aorist tense – snap shot action emphasizing the moment Elizabeth heard Mary’s voice.

“**Leaped**” - σκιρτάω
SKIPTAO – to leap or spring about; a kick

Aorist tense – snap shot action startle reflex – KICK.

- Indicates the hearing of Mary’s voice by Elizabeth triggered the startle reflex of the fetus to kick.

...and Elizabeth was **filled** with the Holy Spirit.

“**Filled**” – πίμπλημι
PIMPLEMI – to be satiated

Aorist tense – snap shot action of being filled or fully filled (satiated).

<p>“Heard” “Leaped” “Filled”</p>	<p>Aorist Aorist Aorist</p>	}	<p>Indicates the omnipotence and omnipresence of God the Holy Spirit directing the course of events the moment Mary walked in that home and Elizabeth heard her voice.</p>
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“**Filled**” means that Elizabeth was satiated by God the Holy Spirit at the point she heard.

(42) And she cried out with a loud voice and said... whose message is now being communicated?

- It is not Elizabeth’s message to Mary.
- It is God’s message *through* Elizabeth to Mary.

..."**Blessed** are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

(35) The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

- God's announcement to Mary – His confirmation to her that God the Holy Spirit has done what Gabriel declared would transpire in Luke 1:35

“**Blessed**” - εὐλογέω

EULOGEO – Communicates that God has bestowed favor upon Mary in grace.

Elizabeth's humility expressed as she is filled - -

(43) "And how has it happened to me that the mother of **my Lord** would come to me? (an expression of honor)

(44) "For behold, when the sound of **your greeting reached my ears...**

...the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

Remember the three aorist tense verbs - Heard, Leaped and Filled. Here we see the actions in concert orchestrated by God the Holy Spirit in His omnipotence and omnipresence.

“**For joy**” – εν + αγαλλιασει

EN + AGALLIASIS – Exaltation or joy

- The prepositional phrase indicates the joy is what caused the fetus to perform the verbal action of SKIPTAO – to spring about.

Four interrelated actions:

- 1) Elizabeth hears Mary's voice (aorist tense of AKOUO).
- 2) Elizabeth is filled (aorist tense of PIMPLEMI) with the Spirit.
- 3) Elizabeth experiences joy.
- 4) The fetus springs about (aorist tense of SKIPTAO) in Elizabeth's womb.

(45) "And **blessed** is she who **believed** that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her **by the Lord** [from the Lord]" - - the message came **from** the Lord *through* Gabriel.

- Note that Mary **believed** the message that was sent from the Lord!

“**Blessed**” - μακάριος

MAKARIOS – describes a person satisfied because of the presence of God.

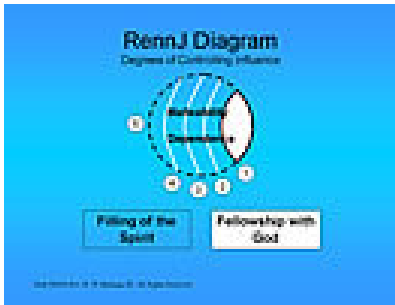
- It is because of bestowment of divine favor and the presence of God that a person is satisfied or counted as MAKARIOS – blessed!

(46) And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord,

(47) And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

(48) "For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondslave..."

A person who has given herself to the Lord to do whatever He wills!



...for behold, from this time on all generations will count me **blessed**.

“**Blessed**” – μακαρίζω

MAKARIZO – blessed or satisfied (because of the presence of the Lord).

(49) "For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name.

(50) "AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

(51) "He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart (the soul).

(52) "He has brought down rulers from their thrones, and has exalted those who were humble.

(53) "HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS; and sent away the rich empty-handed.

(54) "He has given help to Israel His servant, in remembrance of His mercy,

(55) As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his descendants forever."

(56) And Mary stayed with her (Elizabeth) about three months, and then returned to her home.

(57) Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she gave birth to a son.

(58) Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had displayed His great mercy toward her (recalling how she was once barren, now having given birth to a son); and they were rejoicing with her.

(59) And it happened that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zacharias, after his father.

God is putting these events together to prepare the nation to receive her promised King. The One promised to David who would rule from David's throne.

John the Baptist will announce the King is here and that the kingdom is at hand. The King assuming the throne and ruling the kingdom in fulfillment of the Davidic covenant is predicated on whether or not Israel accepts Jesus as her King.

Israel will reject her King and therefore the kingdom will be postponed as we will observe in Matthew's Gospel.

The entire Sermon on the Mount is the King's platform.

“Blessed” in Sermon on the Mount is MAKARIOS – one who is satisfied because of the indwelling presence of God. Those who live in that kingdom that Jesus Christ will rule will be indwelt by God, therefore they are satisfied.

Even though Jesus Christ lays out the heavenly principles on the Sermon on the Mount by which He will rule this heavenly kingdom – He will be rejected – and the kingdom will be postponed.

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