



Sunday, December 13, 2020
Seeing Through the Eyes of Faith
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Sermon Discussion Notes

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Key Text: Luke 2:21-40

- **The Dedication of Jesus (Luke 2:22-24)**
 - It was customary to offer a lamb as a burnt offering (Leviticus 12:6-8).
 - Joseph and Mary didn't have a lamb to offer, but they offered the spotless lamb of God.
 - John said Jesus was the Lamb of God (John 1:29).

- **Seeing Jesus Through the Eyes of Faith (Luke 2:22-24)**
 - The Holy Spirit Moves on those who see through the eyes of faith.
 - John leaped in his mother's womb when he sensed the baby Jesus (Luke 1:39-45).
 - Elizabeth prophesied that Mary was the mother of the Messiah (Luke 1:39-45).
 - Mary prophesied over herself: the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).

- **Zacharias Doubted God (Luke 1:5-25)**
 - Zacharias means "the Lord remembers."
 - God made him dumb (speechless) for nine months because of his unbelief.
 - If you can't speak the words of faith over something, just be quiet.
 - There had not been a word from God for 400 years before God spoke to Zacharias.
 - Prophecy was not the norm at that time.
 - God is looking for people to step outside of the norm and see through the eyes of faith.

- **Simeon Saw Through the Eyes of Faith (Luke 2:25-35)**
 - Simeon's father is believed to be Hillel the Elder, the leader of the Sanhedrin.
 - Simeon was also believed to be a leader of the Sanhedrin, and his son was Gamaliel I who taught the Jewish law to the Apostle Paul.
 - Simeon gave up his position of power to spent one moment with Jesus.
 - The Holy Spirit was upon Simeon, and he saw Jesus through the eyes of faith.
 - The Jewish leaders were looking with natural eyes for a conquering king.

- **Anna Saw Through the Eyes of Faith (Luke 2:36-38)**
 - Simeon and Anna waited for the Messiah to come and they didn't give up hope.
 - Everyone else in the temple missed Jesus.
 - Their faith became sight when they saw Him.
 - Jesus came in the fullness of time (Galatians 4:4-5)

- **We are Dependent upon the Holy Spirit to See Through Eyes of Faith**
 - Jesus said it was for our benefit that He leave us (John 16:7).

- **Paul Sacrificed All to Obtain Christ (Philippians 3:7-9)**
 - Like Simeon, Paul thought the reward of obtaining Christ was worth more than all the world.
 - What have you sacrificed to obtain Christ?