



THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT THF

- ▶ **TUESDAY**
THF College - Worship Night
7:00pm-9:00pm
- ▶ **WEDNESDAY**
THF Students - Worship & Small Groups
7:00pm-8:30pm ~ Doors open at 6:30pm
- ▶ **THURSDAY**
THF Men - Bible Study & Fellowship
6:30am-7:30am

UPCOMING AT THF

- ▶ **DECEMBER 8**
9:30am Service/11:00am Jingle Jam
- ▶ **DECEMBER 15**
9:30am & 11:00am Worship Service
- ▶ **DECEMBER 22**
9:30am Worship Service ONLY
- ▶ **DECEMBER 24**
6:00pm Christmas Eve Service

December 1, 2024

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets and our website for updates to weekly activities and Sunday Services.

www.theheightsfellowship.org

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

November 24, 2024

<i>BUDGET GIVING:</i>	\$15,533.00
<i>BUDGET NEEDS:</i>	\$18,919.00

YEAR TO DATE

<i>BUDGET GIVING:</i>	\$903,926.19
<i>BUDGET NEEDS:</i>	\$886,491.00



The Relatives / Elisabet

Luke, the artist, has gathered and collected, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the stories which reveal the fact that when Jesus came into the world poetry expressed itself and music was reborn.

- G. Campbell Morgan

Trivia: This is the THE VERY FIRST CHRISTMAS SONG EVER SUNG!

A Little About *Elisabet* -

- *Elizabeth* = *Elisabet* der. *Eliysheba* - **"GOD IS MY OATH"**
- Like Zacharias, she had a PRIESTLY background (daughters of Aaron)
- She was **SAVED** ^{1:6}
- She was walking **FAITHFULLY** ^{1:6}
- She was BARREN (Bible's term)

**TO BE STIFF AND UNNATURAL
HER WOMB WAS DEAD**

Remember - The Rabbis taught two things specific about *Elisabet* -

- 1) She was not worthy to be **MARRIED** (*Zach could divorce her at will*)
- 2) Her relationship with God was in QUESTION (*excommunicated*)

Elisabet emerges in scripture as one to **EMULATE** -

With **less** information and experience she had greater FAITH

Though her pain was **great**, her PERSISTENCE was greater

God's work in her life made her a great ENCOURAGER

*At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her,
and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.*

Luke 1:41 nlt

Elisabet Made a LEAP OF FAITH ^{5-7, 24-25}

24 And after these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant; and she kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying, 25 "This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked with favor upon me, to take away my disgrace among men." Luke 1:24-25

If she had birthed John when she was in her 20s or 30s - people would have thought it was great. But at this late date in her life, people KNEW IT HAD TO BE A WORK OF GOD!

All her life, she had longed to be a **MOM**

All her life, she had struggled with her **INFERTILITY**

All her life she had **PREPARED** to be a mother

All her life she had been prepared by God to be JOHN THE BAPTIST'S mom

Notes from The Heights

Series: Family Christmas

Elisabet did not get a visit from the **ANGEL GABRIEL!**
Elisabet had to glean her information from a **MUTE HUSBAND!**

No angel told her **"With God all things are possible."** ^{v37}

ELISABET WAS THE FIRST TO BELIEVE

Elisabet **BELIEVED** what she heard as true...that she would have a baby

- she believed the **WORD OF GOD**

5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. 6 "And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse."

Malachi 4:5-6

- she believed that she would birth the FORERUNNER

- she believed that God had broken His **SILENCE** to them!

...and one day her body CONFIRMED what her heart already knew

Elisabet Had a LEAP OF JOY ³⁹⁻⁴¹ **THE SEQUENCE OF APPEARANCES**

- when Zacharias gets home, she **CONCEIVED** ^{v24}

- Six months later Gabriel appeared to MARY ^{v26}

- She went to the **one person** she knew would understand - ELISABET

- At Mary's greeting 'Baby John' **LEPT** in *Elisabet's* womb

- *Elisabet* was FILLED with the Holy Spirit

Elisabet Made a LEAP OF PRAISE ⁴²⁻⁴⁵

Not an 'Ave Maria!'

*she isn't HAILING Mary to pray to her
she isn't insinuating Mary was SINLESS
she was not suggesting Mary was
anything other than just a PERSON*

**This was the creation of
11th century catholicism**

- She gave a **SHOUT** of praise

- She pronounced **BLESSING**
^{v42 eulogeo (eulogy) - "well words"}
^{v45 makaria - to be blessed (of GOD)}

*You are blessed, because you believed
that the Lord would do what he said.*

Luke 1:45 nlt

- She pronounced **PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT** ^{v43}

Elisabet was the first person to CONFESS JESUS AS LORD

...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:10-11 nkj

Insights and Applications

Elisabet is a study in **PERSEVERANCE**

Elisabet is a study in **FAITH**

Elisabet is a study in **JOY and ENCOURAGEMENT**

Elisabet is a study in **SPEAKING the TRUTH** ^{vv59-60}

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