BLAMELESS LUKE 1:5-23

Text: Luke 1:6

Introduction:

1. HIS REPUTATION OF A WALK WITH GOD

A. The Condition in Which He Walked

Luke 1:5 (KJV)

⁵ There was <u>in the days of Herod</u>, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elisabeth.

- 1. Serious Danger The reign of Herod was marked by bloodshed.
- 2. Spiritual Decline It had been about 400 years since anyone had heard from God.
- B. The Calling for Which He Walked

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1. A Priest

C. The Commandments by Which He Walked

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⁶ And they were both righteous before God, <u>walking in</u> <u>all the commandments</u> and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

2. HIS REACTION TO A WORD FROM GOD

A. His Petition

Luke 1:7 (KJV)

⁷ And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were *now* well stricken in years.

B. His Promise

Luke 1:11-13 (KJV)

¹¹ And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

C. His Problem

Luke 1:18 (KJV)

¹⁸ And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

1. This devout man becomes doubtful.