



LUKE 1:13, 15-17(ESV)

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. (...) for he will be great before the Lord. And He must not

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drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the

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spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.



LUKE 1:6-7(ESV)

Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations. They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to conceive, and they were both very old.



ISAIAH 49:1 (NET)

Listen to me, you coastlands! Pay attention, you people who live far away! The Lord summoned me from birth; he commissioned me when my mother brought me into the world.



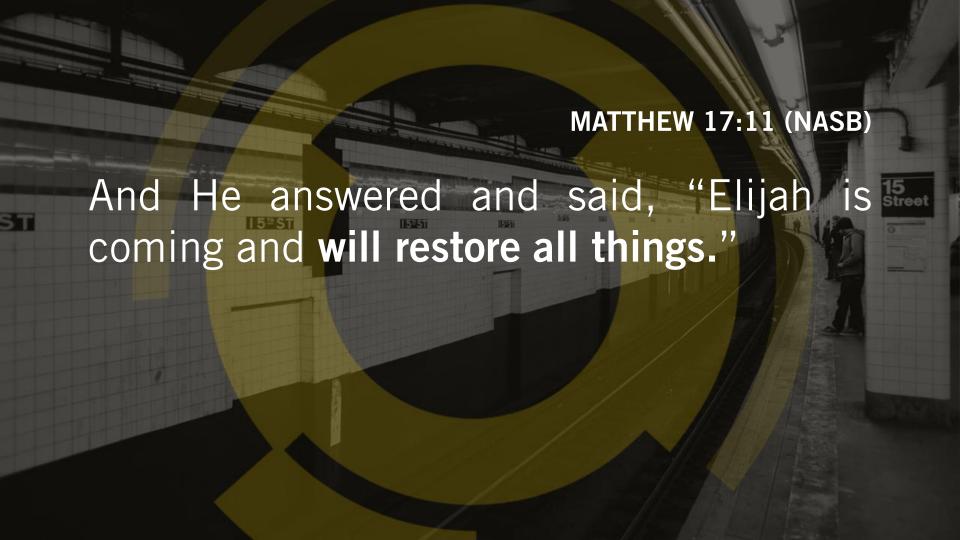
1 TIMOTHY 1:18 (AMP)

This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, so that [inspired and aided] by them you may fight the good fight [in contending with false teachers]...

LUKE 1:67, 76 (NKJV)

Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: (...) and you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways.





"Shout for joy, o barren one, she who has not given birth; break forth into joyful shouting and rejoice, she who has not gone into labor [with child]! For the [spiritual] sons of the desolate one will be more numerous than the sons of the

married woman," says the Lord. "Enlarge the site of your tent [to make room for more children]; stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, do not spare them; lengthen your tent ropes and make your pegs (stakes) firm [in the ground].

For you will spread out to the right and to the left; and your descendants will take possession of nations and will inhabit deserted cities. Do not fear, for you will not be put to shame, and do not feel humiliated or ashamed, for you

will not be disgraced (...) And all your [spiritual] sons will be disciples [of the Lord], and great will be the well-being of your sons."

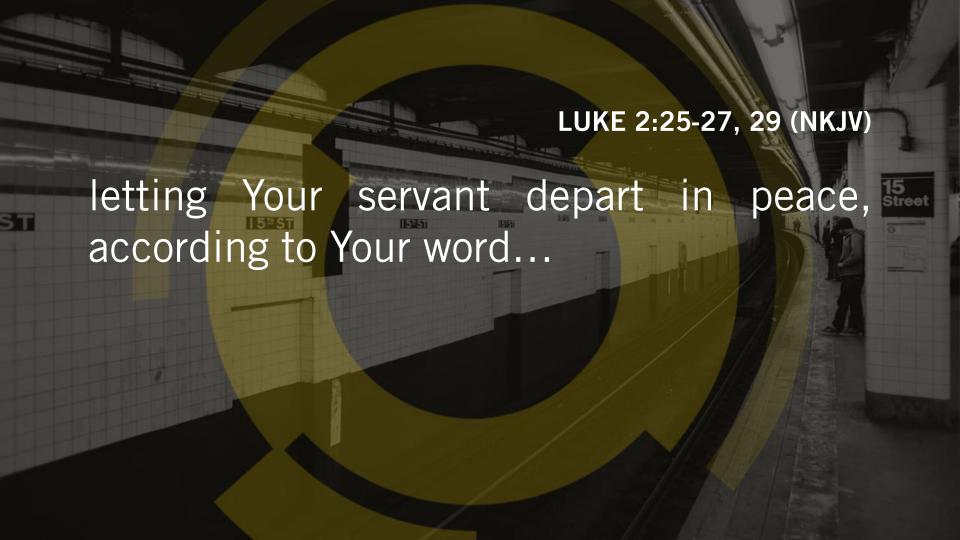


LUKE 2:25-27, 29 (NKJV)

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit

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That he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law (...) "Lord, now You are



LUKE 2:36-38 (NKJV)

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not

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depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.





ROMANS 8:15 (BOOKS)

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba Father."







/ GOD DESIRES THAT OUR MATURITY MANIFESTS ON FOUR DISTINCT LEVELS /

- •a gradual four-stage maturity that impacts us on both the emotional and spiritual dimensions
- •an age-appropriate maturity which eventually grows to become



- adult-stage maturity, and ultimately gets rewarded with
- •glorified perfection in eternity, when we 'see Christ' as He truly is.

1 JOHN 2:12-14 (AMP)

I am writing to you, **little children**... I am writing to you, **fathers** [those believers who are spiritual mature]... I am writing to you, **young men** [those believers who

