

Luke 1:5-20-38 – THE SAVIOR IS BORN:

How are we responding to God's promises, faithfulness and work among us?

I. God's Promises

[Isaiah 7:14](#) - *“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

[Isaiah 9:6-8](#) - *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. The Lord sent a word against Jacob, and it has fallen on Israel.*

II. God's Faithfulness

[Luke 1:5-25](#) – Zacharias' response to the promise of a miracle child in their old age was one of unbelief, just as king Ahaz did in [Isaiah 7:10-12](#). “Thanks for the promise, angel, but knowing the condition of my wife and I, it is impossible.”

[Luke 1:26-38](#) - Rejoice – Mary had some concerns and questions – please explain, how's this going to work? Let it be...

Isaiah is using the Hebrew literary tool of *repetition* to emphasize the point.

The **Child is born**, the **Son is given**. At the same time, we recognize the hand of the Holy Spirit in the specific wording.

[Philippians 2:7](#)...*he made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*

- He is a Governor

Obviously, Jesus is not in politically in charge of the geographical territories of this world, however...His government shows its workings in wonderful ways;

Whenever I see someone forsake this world to follow Him, I know He governs

Whenever I see people eagerly learning the Bible and joyously praising, I know who the governor is.

Whenever I see people give up lucrative careers simply to go and share the Good News of Jesus, I know they are governed by God.

- The Messiah is **Wonderful**:

*[Isaiah 25:1](#) - O LORD, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, For You have done **wonderful** things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.*

- The Messiah is our **Counselor**:

*[Psalm 16:7](#) - I will bless the LORD who has given me **counsel**; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.*

- The Messiah is **Mighty God**:

*[Revelation 4:8](#) - The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord **God Almighty**, Who was and is and is to come!"*

- The Messiah is the **Everlasting Father**:

*[Psalm 103:17](#) - But the mercy of the LORD is from **everlasting** to **everlasting** On those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children,*

- The Messiah is the **Prince of Peace**:

*[Romans 5:1](#) - Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,*