

Zechariah

Reflections to Share,
Journal and Ponder

Elizabeth

Chapter 9: God's Gracious Glimpse

Advent is a story of two wombs. One never opened and one long since closed. It is also a story about God for whom “nothing is impossible.”

- Have you ever experience a sudden, unexpected event and immediately knew your life would never be quite the same again?
- How did that realization affect you? Did you have to go through phases and stages of acceptance?
- How many unanswered “why” questions do you still have in your life?
- Can we totally trust God and rest in the fact that His timing is perfect while our notions are not?
- What do you think Elizabeth’s “rearview mirror” glimpse into the great “why” question of her life did for her soul?
- Has God ever encouraged you by giving you glimpses of grace into the rear view mirror of some of the major issues and events of your life?
- Have you ever wondered about the pleasant surprises that still await you in God’s Providence?
- What case histories of others’ faith journeys has God used to encourage and strengthen you?
- Is faith a verb to you that submits to God’s will and ways regardless of the consequences?
- If you envisioned your faith journey with God as a case history being written to encourage others, would it change the way you approach and live out each day? To declare yourself a follower of Jesus Christ means that many people will be watching you very closely, and for long periods of time. As an old bumper sticker once said, “Your life today may be the only Bible some people read.”

Ponder

Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. *Psalm 16:5&6*

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. *Psalm 18:30*

My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long. *Psalm 71:8*