

Fathers Like Zacharias

(Luke 1:5-9)

Introduction:

1. "I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection". –*Sigmund Freud*
2. An old English proverb says, "One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."
3. Fathers have been given a responsibility of leadership in their families, both spiritual and physical.

I. We Need Righteous Fathers Like Zacharias (Luke 1:6)

- A. This righteousness was Godly righteousness, not just righteousness of appearance.
- B. Zacharias and his wife Elizabeth were both walking in the commandments and ordinances of God. (Luke 1:6)
 1. A. T. Robertson quotes from another author that says that Zacharias and Elizabeth are a picture of "noblest product of Old Testament education."
- C. We need father who are righteous (1 John 2:29)

II. We Need Serving Fathers Like Zacharias (Luke 1:8-9)

- A. Zacharias had a duty of serving as a priest of Israel. (Luke 1:5)
 1. Zacharias serve in the priestly rotation of 1 Chronicles 24:1-19.
- B. We need fathers who will serve the Lord:
 1. As head of the family (1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:23)
 2. As teachers (Proverbs 1:8; 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:11)
 3. As discipliners (Proverbs 13:24)
 4. As examples (Matthew 5:14-16)

III. We Need Praying Fathers like Zacharias (Luke 1:13)

- A. Zacharias had taken his requests to God (Luke 1:13; Philippians 4:6)
- B. Praying father will be spiritual leaders. (Ephesians 6:4; Job 1:5)

IV. We Need Obedient Fathers Like Zacharias (Luke 1:59-63)

- A. Zacharias was obedient or else he would not be righteous. (Luke 1:6)
- B. The angel of the Lord told Zacharias what the name of the child was to be (Luke 1:13)
- C. Zacharias held to his command. (Luke 1:62-63)
- D. We need fathers who will be obedient. (Hebrews 11:8)

V. We Need Firm Father Like Zacharias (Luke 1:67-79)

- A. In the midst of the choosing of the name of his son, Zacharias held firm. (Luke 1:59-63)
- B. We need fathers like Joshua. (Joshua 24:15)
 1. We need father who look to God and stand on His word.

Conclusion:

1. Brethren, we need strong father who are willing to hold firm to the doctrine of Christ.
2. Active fathers are needed now more than ever.
3. Most of all, we need fathers who are Christians.