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# THE VOICE OF GOD

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**Out of barrenness comes blessing**



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## Your Situation Can Change

It's been too long

It's been too difficult

It's impossible

It's unheard of

I don't deserve it

I am not good enough

I am not spiritual enough

## Your Situation Can Change

The birth of John the baptised

**Luke 1:5** In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth,"

**Luke 1:5 Both of them were righteous in the sight of God**

**What is it like to be righteous but barren?**

**Others flourish yet have no thought for God!**

**Doubt and unbelief can creep in because of our experience**

**Luke 1:18-20 “Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.” The angel said to him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.””**

**Zachariah struck dumb so that he could not stop his breakthrough  
Barrenness is Broken by the voice of God**

**Luke 1:57-64 “When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.” They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.” Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.” Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God.”**

## (1) Zachariah – The Lord has remembered

I'm here to tell someone the Lord has remembered

He Remembers His Covenant

He Forgets your sin.

**Luke 1: 10 And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. 11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. 13 But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.**

Barrenness is not because of sin

✚ Don't Blame Yourself

✚ Don't believe the lies

✚ Don't Block your breakthrough

The devil says you're overlooked

✚ Forgotten

✚ Forsaken

✚ unworthy

✚ unholy

✚ unrighteous

But God has remembered you

He cannot forget you

**Deuteronomy 4:31** For the LORD your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath.

Rachel who was Jacob Second wife. She was living a life filled with shame because Jacob had many Sons with other wives and servants. She was Barren

**Genesis 30:22** Then God remembered Rachel; he listened to her and enabled her to conceive. **23**She became pregnant and gave birth to a son and said, “God has taken away my disgrace.”

**1 Samuel 1:1** There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite <sup>a</sup> from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. **2**He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

**but Hannah had none**

**11**And she made a vow, saying, “Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life,

**19**Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her.

- (1) Zachariah – The Lord has remembered
- (2) Elizabeth - God is a promise

### Zachariah now returns home

**Luke 1: 23 When his time of service was completed, he returned home. 24After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. 25“The Lord has done this for me,” she said. “In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.”**

#### (a) My God is an oath – Promise

**Elizabeth means my God is an Oath (promise) in other words God is the author of promises**

**God made the first promise**

**The first recorded promise was to satan**

**Genesis 3: And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."**

**He (Jesus) will crush your head You will Strike = Bruise his heal**

**He was bruised for our transgressions**

**What was done to Jesus went through will be like a bruise compared to the what satan would go through**

**satans Kingdom HAS BEEN CRUSHED**

**2 Corinthians 1:20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.**

**There are around 8000 promises in the Bible**

**Jesus Said Yes to them for you**

**Can they have**

- ❖ Eternal life
- ❖ Forgiveness
- ❖ Peace
- ❖ Joy
- ❖ Health
- ❖ Wealth
- ❖ Freedom

<b>Jesus Said Yes</b>	
✓ <b>YES</b>	✝ <b>Amen</b>

**What looks like Barrenness Will Become A Blessing**

- (A) My God is an oath – Promise
- (B) My God is abundance

**Elizabeth also means my God is abundance!**

**How can barrenness exist in the promise?**

**How can abundance live in barrenness?**

**✝ God doesn't have abundance he is abundance**

**2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.**

**That's it! It Is Settled**

Everything about God is      Abundance  
Too much  
Overflow

## Elizabeth really means

**God has remembered that He is the promise of abundance**

- ❖ He is the only one who can truly promise
- ❖ He is the promise maker
- ❖ He is the promise keeper

**Psalm 24: 1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
The world, and all who live in it;**

**Psalm 50:10 for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a  
thousand hills. 11 I know every bird in the mountains, and the  
insects in the fields are mine. 12 If I were hungry I would not tell you,  
for the world is mine, and all that is in it.**

**God is so wealthy he use Gold like tarmac to pave the  
roads**

**God is not offended by wealth He is offended by greed**



## If God hates wealth why did he create a wealthy world?

**Gold = 190,040 metric tons**

**3 Thousand Tones a year**

**We have enough to go to at least 2075**

**Another 150,000 Tones**

**Total of 340000 Tones at \$40,000,000.00 at tone**

**You may be in barrenness now but out of barrenness can come blessing**

**Let there be**    **Light**  
                         **Health**  
                         **Joy**  
                         **Wealth**  
                         **Peace**  
                         **Freedom**  
                         **Victory**

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