

### (3) Song of Elizabeth to Mary (Lk. 1:39-45)

1. Mary was a Galilean from Nazareth, but her kinsmen Zacharias & Elizabeth lived in the hill country of Judah (Lk. 1:39).
2. John the βρέφος brephos <sup>#1025</sup><sub>8x</sub> was filled with the Holy Spirit first (Lk. 1:15), followed by Elizabeth (v.41), followed by Zacharias (v.67).
  - a. As babes in Christ, Members of the Church are indwelt by God the Holy Spirit (1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 2:2).
  - b. We then grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2<sup>nd</sup> Pet. 3:18).
  - c. As mature men, we come to understand God the Father's grace eternal plan of the ages (Lk. 1:67-79).
3. Mary's fellowship with Elizabeth was centered in the revealed Word of God and provided mutual encouragement for their upcoming work assignments.
4. The content of Elizabeth's song communicates several important principles.
  - a. Any blessings (εὐλογία eulogia <sup>#2129</sup><sub>16x</sub>) we possess are due to the blessings of Christ (Lk. 1:42; Eph. 1:3).
  - b. Privileges, and work-assignment responsibilities, are assigned by God on the basis of grace (Lk. 1:43).
    - 1) Bearing the Forerunner is a great privilege and work-assignment responsibility (Lk. 1:13-17).
    - 2) Ministering to the mother of the Christ is another great privilege and work-assignment responsibility (Lk. 1:56; Tit. 2:3-5).
  - c. Faith-acceptance of the promises of God and humble obedience to the commands of God produces personal happiness (μακαρία fem.sing. of μακάριος makarios <sup>#3107</sup><sub>50x</sub>) in the heart of believers (Lk. 1:45).