

A Holy Benediction

Luke 1:39–45

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Main Point: Those who believe the promises of God in Christ are eternally blessed and know abiding joy.

Those who believe in the promises of God are joyful and blessed because—

I. The promises concerning Jesus are *Divine*

- A. The message about John and Jesus both came from God

- B. The working of the Holy Spirit in Elizabeth

II. The promises concerning Jesus are *verifiable*

- A. Mary confirmed it
 - 1. Went to visit Elizabeth

 - 2. Believed the message from the Lord

B. Elizabeth confirmed it

1. Recognized the identity of Jesus
2. Recognized the prophetic role of her child

C. Pre-born John the Baptist confirmed it

1. Recognized the presence of His Master
2. Physically responded with joy

III. The promises concerning Jesus are *fulfilled*

IV. The promises concerning Jesus are *joyful*