"<u>Dedication Remuneration</u>" *or* "<u>Your Ship has come in!</u>"

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

Zechariah & Elizabeth

Luke 1:5-7, 13 – (5) "In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. (6) And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. (7) But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. (13) But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John."

<u>Mary</u>

<u>Luke 1:30-31</u> – (30) "And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, <u>for you</u> <u>have found favor with God</u>. (31) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus."

<u>Joseph</u>

<u>Matthew 1:19-21</u> – (19) "And her husband Joseph, <u>being a just man and</u> <u>unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly</u>. (20) But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. (21) She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.""

<u>Simeon</u>

<u>Luke 2:25-28</u> – (25) "Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, <u>and this man was righteous and devout</u>, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. (26) And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. (27) And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, (28) he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said..."

<u>Anna</u>

Luke 2:36-38 – (36) "And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, (37) and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. (38) And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem."

<u>Magi</u>

<u>Matthew 2:1, 9-11</u> – (1) "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,</u> (9) After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. (10) When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. (11) And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done." (Revelation 22:12)

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