

Scripture: Law of God (Exodus 20) & Luke 2:39-52
Singing: 64:1-3 – 331:3, 4 – 40:1, 2, 4, 6 – 417:1 – 1:1-3

- A. Luke provides us a short glimpse of Jesus' first 30 years on earth
1. Vs. 39-41: *inform us where and how Jesus lived*
 2. Vs. 42: *inform us about Jesus' preparation for His confession of faith*
 3. Vs. 43-50: *inform us about Jesus' awareness of His high calling*
 4. Vs. 52-52: *inform us about the next 18 years of His life in Nazareth*
- B. Question for us: *What is the Holy Spirit teaching us in Luke 2:39-53?*
1. He always has a distinct purpose **we** need to distill (Ps. 1:2-3)
 2. In 2 Tim. 3:16-17 we learn that each Scripture has a 5-fold purpose
 - a. the ultimate purpose: vs. 17
 - b. the four-lenses to reach this purpose: vs. 16
 - profitable to **doctrine**: *tell us what to believe*
 - profitable to **reproof**: *tells us what is wrong*
 - profitable to **correct**: *tells us what needs changing*
 - profitable to **instruct in righteousness**: *tells us how to live*

I. What is the Holy Spirit's doctrine about what we are to believe?

- A. That God the Father sent His Son on *His business* (vs. 49)
1. Jesus did not come to earth *on His own accord*
 2. What was His Father's business?
 - a. Matt. 1:21 – Matt. 20:28
 - b. John 4:23b, 34 – Luke 4:18-19
 3. These tidings are the *good tidings of great hope* for us sinners!
- B. That Jesus grew up and learned like we all did: Luke 2:40, 52
1. Jesus has **normal** human nature though sinless (Rom. 8:3)
 2. That Jesus needed to learn like us through obedience (Hebrews 5:8)

II. What is the Holy Spirit's reproof?

- A. Is my thinking about God and His Son in line with this revelation?
1. Do I approach God convinced He is seeking me before I seek Him?
 2. Am I thinking '*what can I get out of this*' instead of '*give to God in this*'?
- B. Is my devotional mindset to God anywhere close to Jesus?
1. Am I 'halting between two opinions?' (1 Kings 18:21)
 2. How come I am still so ignorant of Scripture?
 3. Does my use of (free) time stand in contrast to Jesus?

III. What does the Holy Spirit want to see corrected?

- A. How to use your time (Eph. 5:15-18)
- B. How to devote your mind to improve your opportunities (Luke 4:16)

C. What to talk about with each other (Luke 2:46; Mal. 3:16; Luke 24:17)

IV. What does the Holy Spirit give for *instruction in righteousness*?

A. That we need a God-centered vision in our life to live well (Phil. 1:21)

B. That we need to respect *our earthly* leaders like Jesus did (vs. 51)

Finally: Don't forget God's promise: Ps. 92:12-15 (2 Tim. 3:16)

The hours spend in meditating prayerfully on the Word of God
will have the sweetest influence upon you on your dying beds.