

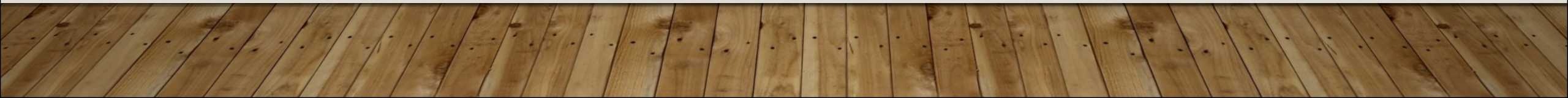


# GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS; CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE

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LUKE 1:5-17 BIBLE STUDY

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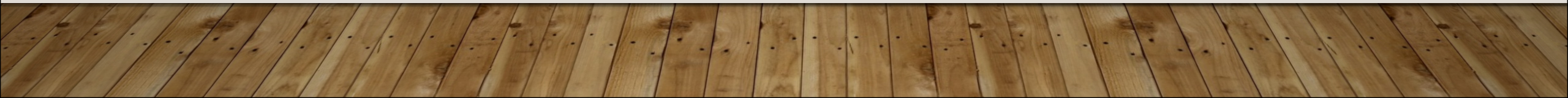




## LUKE 1:5 GOOD STOCK



- It came to pass, in the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah from the priestly division of Abijah. And with him was his wife – from the (female) descendants [lit. “daughters”] of Aaron – and her name was Elizabeth (Lk 1:5, AT)
- 10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the **eighth** to **Abijah**, 11 the **ninth** to **Jeshua**, the tenth to Shekariah, (1 Ch 24:10-11, NIV)
- **Aaron married Elisheba**, daughter of Amminadab and sister of Nahshon, and she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. (Ex 6:23, NIV)
- Then **Miriam** the **prophet, Aaron’s sister**, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. (Ex 15:20, NIV)

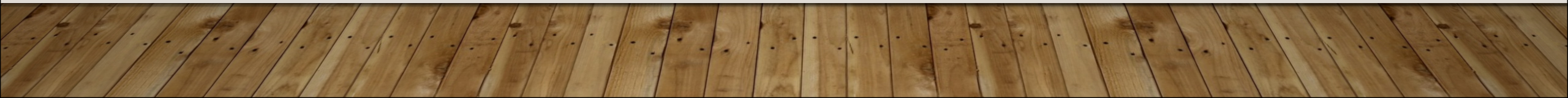




## LUKE 1:6 GOOD WALK



- **Now they were both righteous in the sight of God, walking in all the commands and requirements of the Lord blameless(ly). (Lk 1:6,AT).**
- **20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight” (Is 5:20-21, NIV).**
- **This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. (Gen 6:9, NIV)**
- **In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. (Job 1:1, NIV).**
- **Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.” (Job 1:8, NIV)**

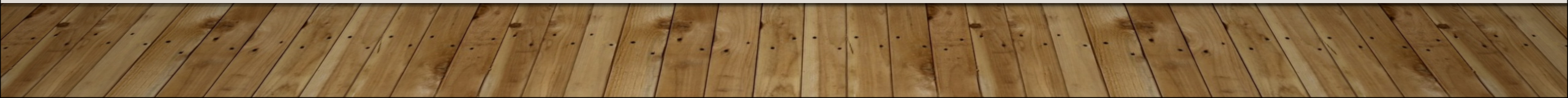




## LUKE 1:7 NO CHILD FOR A WHILE



- **And they had no child, because Elizabeth was unable to have children and they were both advanced in age [lit. in their days]. (Lk 1:7,AT).**
- Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was **childless**. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. (Gen 25:21, NIV)
- When the LORD saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained **childless**. (Gen 29:31, NIV; cf. Gen 30:1)
- 10 In her **deep anguish** Hannah prayed to the LORD, **weeping bitterly**. 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, and **no razor will ever be used on his head**.” (1 Sam 1:10-11, NIV)

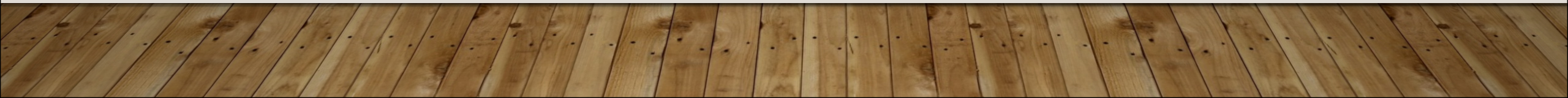




## LUKE 1:7 NO CHILD FOR A WHILE



- 2 A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was childless, unable to give birth. 3 The **angel** of the LORD appeared to her [**Samson's mother**] and said, "You are **barren and childless**, but you are going to **become pregnant and give birth to a son**. 4 Now see to it that you **drink no wine or other fermented drink** and that you do not eat anything unclean. 5 You will become **pregnant** and **have a son** whose head is **never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a Nazirite**, dedicated to God from the womb. He will take the lead in delivering Israel from the hands of the Philistines." (Judg 13:2-5, NIV)
- Now Sarai was **childless** because she was **not able to conceive** (Gen 11:30, NIV; cf. Gen 16:1)
- Abraham and Sarah were already **very old**, and Sarah was **past the age of childbearing**. (Gen 18:11, NIV)

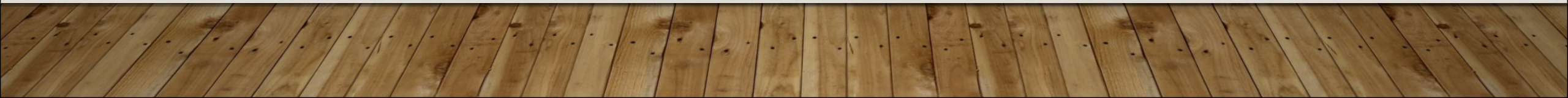




LUKE 1:8  
PRESENCE OF THE LORD



- **And it came to pass, while he was serving as a priest in the Presence of God when it was the turn of his division, (Lk 1:8,AT)**

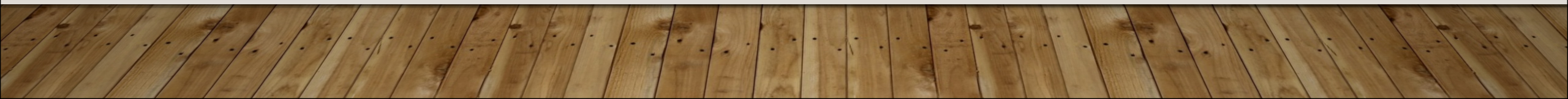




## LUKE 1:9 CHANCE OF A LIFETIME



- according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter into the sanctuary of the Lord to burn an incense offering. (Lk 1:9, AT).
- 8 He is to **cast lots** for the two goats—one lot for the LORD and the other for the scapegoat. 9 Aaron shall bring the goat whose **lot** falls to the LORD and sacrifice it for a sin offering. 10 But the goat chosen by **lot** as the **scapegoat** shall be presented alive before the LORD to be used for making atonement by sending it into the wilderness as a **scapegoat**. (Lev 16:8-10, NIV; cf. Neh 10:34; 1 Ch 26:14; cf. Num 27:21, etc.)
- 23 So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed, “**Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us** which of these two you have **chosen** 25 to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” 26 Then they **cast lots**, and the **lot fell to Matthias**; so he was added to the eleven apostles. (Ac 1:23-26, NIV)
- The **lot is cast** into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD. (Pr 16:33, NIV)

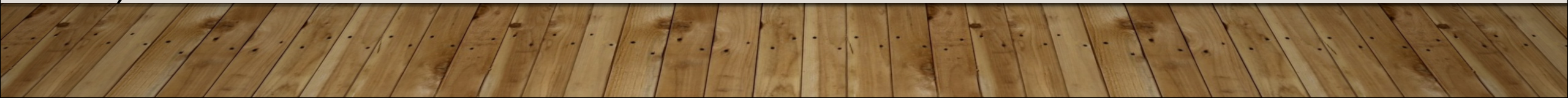




## LUKE 1:9 INCENSED



- 7 “**Aaron** must burn fragrant incense on the altar **every morning** when he tends the lamps. 8 He must burn incense again when he lights the lamps **at twilight** so incense will burn regularly before the LORD for the generations to come. (Ex 30:7-8, NIV)
- 44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the **curtain of the temple was torn in two**. 46 **Jesus** called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last. (Lk 23:44-46, NIV)



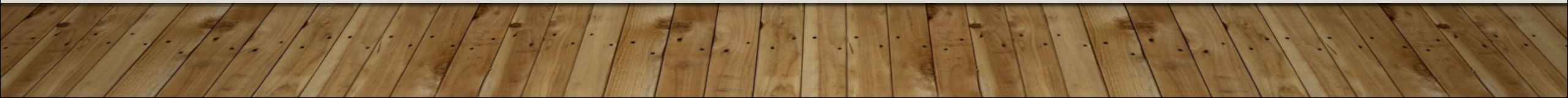




## LUKE 1:10 PRAYERS FOR PRESENCE



- **And the whole assembly of the people was praying outside at the time of the incense offering. (Lk 1:10,AT)**

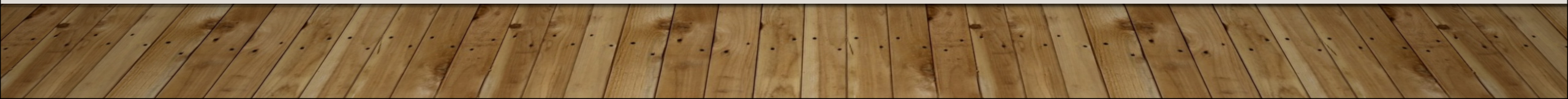




## LUKE 1:11 ANGELIC APPEARANCE



- **Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right of the altar of the incense offering.** (Lk 1:11, AT)
- 55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and **Jesus standing at the right hand of God.** 56“Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the **Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.**” (Ac 7:55-56)
- 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. (Lk 1:19, NIV)
- 20 While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill—21 while I was still in prayer, **Gabriel**, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the **evening sacrifice.** (Dan 9:20-21, NIV)

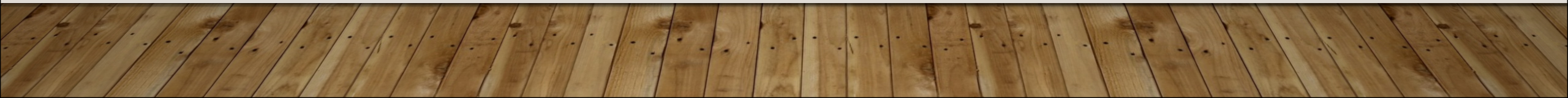




## LUKE 1:12 ALL SHOOK UP



- **And when Zechariah saw [the angel], he was shaken and fear fell upon him. (Lk 1:12, AT)**
- **22** When Gideon realized that it was the **angel of the LORD**, he exclaimed, “Alas, Sovereign LORD! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!” **23** But the LORD said to him, “Peace! Do not be afraid. You are **not going to die.**” (Jdg 6:22-23, NIV; cf. Jdg 13:22; Dn 8:16-17, 10:10-11; Is 6:5)
- “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of **unclean lips**, and I live among a people of **unclean lips**, and **my eyes have seen the King**, the LORD Almighty.” (Is 6:5, NIV)
- But,” he said, “**you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.**” (Ex 33:20, NIV)

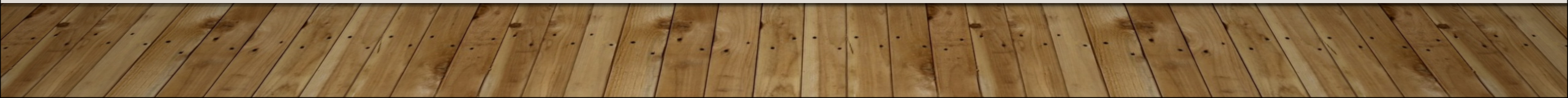




LUKE 1:13  
PRIESTLY PETITION,  
GRACIOUS GIFT



- **But the angel said to him, "Do not fear, Zechariah, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son. And you shall call him the name John." (Lk 1:13, AT)**
- **One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. (Ps 27:4, NIV)**
- **Who has ever given to God that God should repay them?" (Rom 11:35, NIV)**

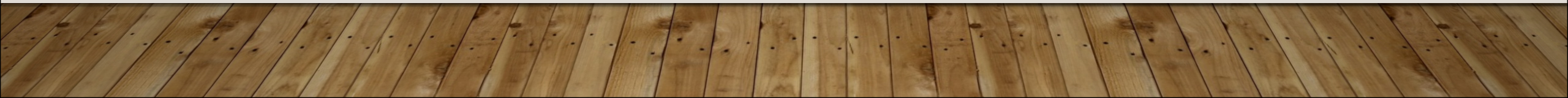




## LUKE 1:13 WHAT'S IN A NAME?



- The angel of the LORD also said to her [Hagar]: “You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. **You shall name him Ishmael**, for the LORD has heard of your misery. (Gen 16:11, NIV)
- Then God said, “Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and **you will call him Isaac**. (Gen 17:19, NIV)
- Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and **will call him Immanuel**. (Is 7:14, NIV; cf. Abram → Abraham: Gen 17:5; Jacob → Israel: Gen 32:28; Is 9:6; Mt 1:21; Lk 1:31; Hos 1:6, 9; 1 Ki 13:2)
- She will give birth to a son, and you are to **give him the name Jesus**, because he will **save his people from their sins.**” (Mt 1:21, NIV)

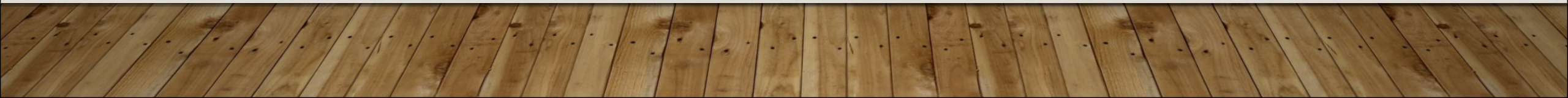




LUKE 1:14  
JOY



- **There will be joy and exultation for you. And many, on account of his birth, will be overjoyed.**  
(Lk 1:14,AT)

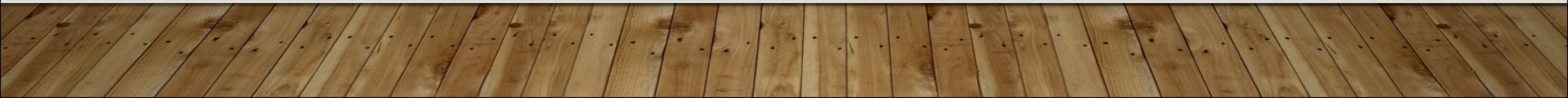




LUKE 1:15  
GODLY GREATNESS



- **For he will be great in the eyes of the Lord, he may never drink any wine or alcoholic beverage, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother's womb. (Lk 1:15, AT)**
- **I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” (Lk 7:28, NIV)**
- **Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit (Eph 5:18, NIV)**

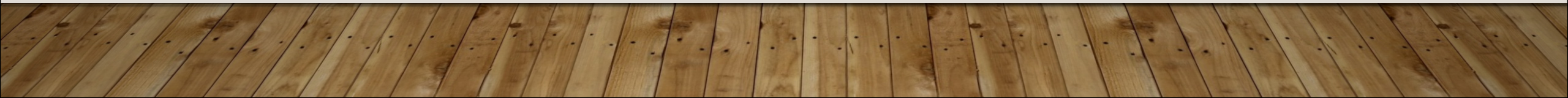




## LUKE 1:15 NAZIRITE?



- The LORD said to Moses, 2 “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘If a man or woman wants to make a **special vow, a vow of dedication to the LORD** as a **Nazirite**, 3 they must **abstain from wine and other fermented drink** and must not drink vinegar made from wine or other fermented drink. They must **not drink grape juice** or **eat grapes or raisins**. 4 As long as they remain under their Nazirite vow, they must **not eat anything that comes from the grapevine**, not even the seeds or skins.
- 5 “ ‘During the entire period of their Nazirite vow, **no razor may be used on their head**. They must be holy until the period of their dedication to the LORD is over; they must let their hair grow long.
- 6 “ ‘Throughout the period of their dedication to the LORD, the Nazirite **must not go near a dead body**. 7 Even if their own father or mother or brother or sister dies, they must not make themselves ceremonially unclean on account of them, because the symbol of their dedication to God is on their head. 8 Throughout the period of their dedication, they are consecrated to the LORD. (Num 6:1-8, NIV)



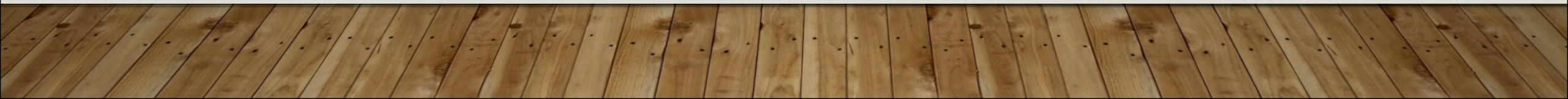




## LUKE 1:15 NAZIRITE?



- But [the angel] said to me, ‘You will become pregnant and have a son. Now then, **drink no wine or other fermented drink** and do not eat anything unclean, because the boy will be a **Nazirite** of God **from the womb until the day of his death.**’ ” (Judg 13:7, NIV)
- 8 Then the LORD said to Aaron, 9 “You and your sons are **not to drink wine or other fermented drink whenever you go into the tent of meeting**, or you will die. This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, (Lev 10:8-9, NIV)





## LUKE 1:16 COME BACK!



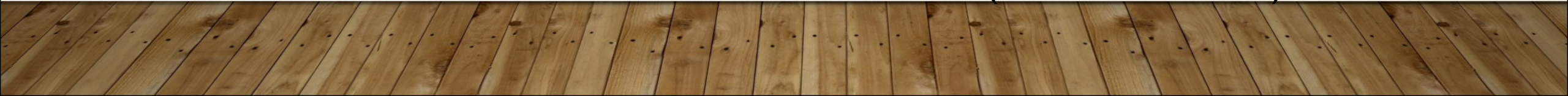
- **And he will turn many of the descendants [lit. sons] of Israel back to the Lord their God.** (Lk 1:16, AT)
- But you are a chosen people, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pet 2:9, NIV)
- We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors**, as though God were making his **appeal** through us. We **implore** you on Christ's behalf: **Be reconciled to God.** (2 Cor 5:20, NIV)
- If anyone is **ashamed of me and my words** in this adulterous and sinful generation, **the Son of Man will be ashamed of them** when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." (Mk 8:38, NIV)



LUKE 1:17  
PREPARE THE WAY  
FOR THE WAY



- **And he will go before Him, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare for the Lord a people made ready (Lk 1:17,AT).**
- **“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.” (Mal 4:5-6, NIV)**

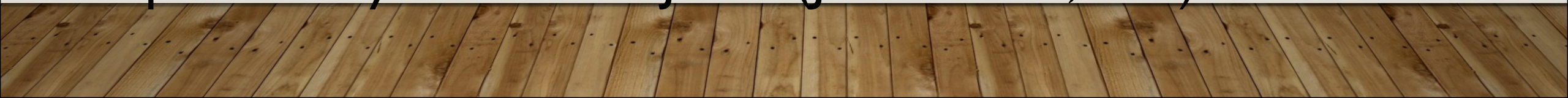




LUKE 1:17  
RELATIONSHIPS: VERTICAL  
AND HORIZONTAL



- He answered, “**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘**Love your neighbor** as yourself.’” (Lk 10:27, NIV)
- 40 Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing in the early days. There he stayed, 41 and many people came to him. They said, “**Though John never performed a sign, all that John said about this man was true.**” 42 And in that place many believed in Jesus. (Jn 10:40-42, NIV)

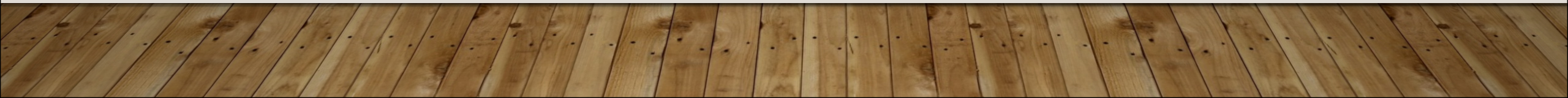




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PREPARE THE WAY  
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- “As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: ‘A voice of one calling in the wilderness, **Prepare the way for the Lord**, make straight paths for him. (Lk 3:4, NIV)
- “I will **send my messenger**, who will **prepare the way before me**. Then suddenly **the Lord you are seeking will come** to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty. (Mal 3:1, NIV)
- This is the one about whom it is written: “ ‘I will **send my messenger** ahead of you, who will **prepare your way** before you.’ (Lk 7:27, NIV)

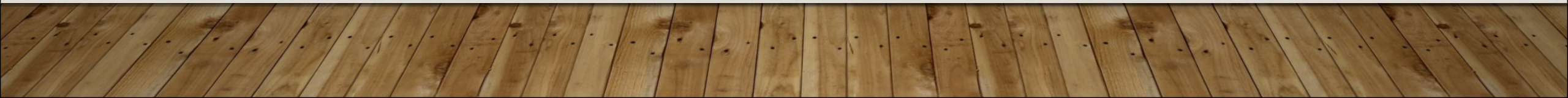




LUKE 1:17  
THE ELIJAH WHO  
WAS TO COME



- 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to accept it, **he is the Elijah who was to come.** (Mt 11:13-14, NIV)
- 10 The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that **Elijah must come first?**” 11 Jesus replied, “To be sure, **Elijah comes** and will restore all things. 12 But I tell you, **Elijah has already come**, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” 13 Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about **John the Baptist.** (Mt 17:10-13, NIV)

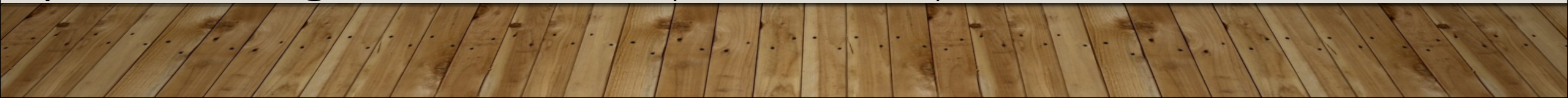




LUKE 1:17  
GOOD NEWS:  
PREPARE, REPENT



- **8 Produce fruit** in keeping with **repentance**. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. **9 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”** (Lk 3:8-9, NIV)
- **16** John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”** **18** And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the **good news** to them. (Lk 3:16-18, NIV)





LUKE 1:17  
GOOD NEWS:  
PREPARE, REPENT



- 46 He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and **repentance for the forgiveness of sins** will be **preached** in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (Lk 24:46-47, NIV)
- Elijah went before the people and said, “**How long will you waver between two opinions?** If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing. (1 Ki 18:21, NIV)

