



A Baby Dedicated (Luke 2:21-40)

Sunday, December 16, 2018 AVBC 10:30 am

- An attendant in a royal _____ (servanthood)
- A _____ at her wedding (separation) (*Eph. 5:25-27*)

God's present to _____ was presented in the _____.
_____ present to God is to present myself in _____.

And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. (II Corinthians 8:5)

Q: HOW DO I PRESENT MYSELF TO THE LORD?

1. LINE UP YOUR _____ WITH THE _____ OF GOD. (Luke 2:21-24, 27,39)

-Leviticus 12

2. _____ UP TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD. (Luke 2:25-27)

-Luke 2:28-32

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. (II Timothy 4:6-8)

- I Thessalonians 5:19, Ephesians 4:30, Acts 7:51

3. LOOSEN UP YOUR _____ AND TELL OTHERS ABOUT THE _____ OF GOD. (Luke 2:17, 20, 28-32, 34-35, 38)

-Matt. 12:34

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(For use in personal/family devotions or with your Care group)

Q1: Have you ever been to a service or ceremony where something is being dedicated? What were some of the components of the dedication? Was it somber and serious...or joyful and celebratory...or a bit of both? Explain...

Q2: Study I Samuel 1:20-28. What were some of the elements of Samuel's dedication? What similarities do you see with Jesus' dedication by his parents?

Q3: Pastor David mentioned that the biblical concept of "presenting" includes the twin ideas of service and separation. How did Jesus live a life of service? How about separation?

Q4: Study Matthew 12:33-37. What does this passage tell you about the connection between our heart and our words? If you want to change your speech, what do you have to change? How might you do that this week?

Q5: Where in your life is the Lord calling you to be a servant? How's it going?

Q6: Read and reflect on the words of the hymn, "Just As I Am". What words or truths mean the most to you? Why?

*Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Q7: Pastor David likened death to a departure? Does that comfort you? How?