

# Luke 1:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

## Analysis

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Elisabeth's conception 'after those days' fulfilled Gabriel's prophecy precisely. Her five-month seclusion demonstrates both thanksgiving and humility—hiding herself to process God's gracious work privately before public announcement. The phrase 'Thus hath the Lord dealt with me' recognizes God's sovereign agency in her conception. Elisabeth's response contrasts with Zacharias's doubt; she embraces God's work with faith and gratitude. Her recognition that God removed her reproach among men shows understanding that her value comes from God's merciful intervention, not social standing. This models appropriate response to God's gracious dealings.

## Historical Context

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The five-month seclusion allowed Elisabeth to confirm her pregnancy before public announcement and protected her from potential mockery if the promise failed. Her hiding also created dramatic revelation when Mary visited in the sixth month (v36), confirming God's word to both women.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. Why is private thanksgiving and reflection important before public testimony?
2. How does Elisabeth's response demonstrate mature faith compared to Zacharias's doubt?
3. What does God's removal of reproach teach about His care for our social suffering?

## Interlinear Text

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