

# ***Living into Advent***

## ***Living in Grace***

Luke 1:25-30

November 30, 2025

Aaron Williams

**Introduction:** Advent is a sacred season. We step into this time that is rich with meaning and spiritual depth. Advent, derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival.” This season invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ. It is a season of hope, preparation, praise, wonder, and waiting. In essence, advent is a way of life. Living into Advent means embracing *kairos* moments as the light of Jesus Christ enters our dark world. Living into Advent means living with eyes wide open and being aware of God’s movement in the world and in our lives. It means being spiritually alert to divine opportunities to love and serve others. It means to bring justice and mercy, and to be agents of God’s peace. It means looking beyond our current struggles to ultimate fulfillment of God’s kingdom.

**Review:** Did you accept Prentice’s challenge to ask God ‘What would you have me do with my resources?’? If so, did you gain any insights or new understanding as an answer?

**Read:** Luke 1:25-30

**Prayer:** Father, as we begin this season of Advent open your word to us so we may experience the wonder of your choice to become one of us to accomplish for us what we could not do on our own. Amen

## ***Discussion:***

1. How is God’s favor shown to Elizabeth (v25) and Mary?
  
2. What do you think it means to ‘find favor with God’?
  
3. How is humility related to God’s favor?  
(For ideas, see Proverbs 3:34, Isaiah 66:1-2; 1 Peter 5:5-7; James 4:10 and Micah 6:8)
  
4. What was troubling to Mary about Gabriel’s greeting? Where have you been troubled about what God calls you to do?

**Application:** This week try to think of at least one way God has shown you favor each day.

**Prayer:** Father, thank you for your grace. Help us extend your love toward others. Amen