

# EIGHT REMNANT HEARTS

## I. The Seeking Heart - The Magi (Matthew 2:1,2)

\* The unconventional heart

*<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”*

## II. The Humble Heart - The Shepherd (Luke 2:8-11)

\* The marginalized heart

*<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.*

## III. The Waiting Heart - Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)

\* The life word fulfillment heart

*<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents*

*brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: <sup>29</sup> “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. <sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup> The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”*

#### IV. The Patient Heart - Anna (Luke 2:36-38)

*\* The lifelong peace heart*

*<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.*

#### V. The Resigned Heart - Elizabeth (Luke 1:1-5)

*\* The God is enough heart*

*<sup>1</sup> Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and*

*servants of the word.* <sup>3</sup> *With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,* <sup>4</sup> *so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.* <sup>5</sup> *In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron.*

VI. The Faithful / Fruitless Heart - Zacharias (Luke 1:8-10)

\* The bakery heart

<sup>8</sup> *Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God,* <sup>9</sup> *he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.* <sup>10</sup> *And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.*

VII. The Pondering Heart - Mary (Matthew 1:18; Luke 2:19)

\* The factory of peace heart

*[Mat 1:18 NIV]* <sup>18</sup> *This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.*

*[Luk 2:19 NIV]* <sup>19</sup> *But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.*

VIII. The Step-Fathers Heart - Joseph (Matthew 1:19-24)

\* The Father of extraordinary works' heart

<sup>19</sup> *Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and*

*yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> 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.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.*