

## Zechariah's Song of Praise (Luke 1:57-80)

### **BIG IDEA:**

*Rejoice in God's perfect plan & timing for your salvation.*

#### I. Zechariah trusted and obeyed God's Word. (1:57-66)

- A. Zechariah obeyed God's command to name his son "John" ("God is gracious").
- B. Zechariah was blessed by God for his obedience.
- C. Zechariah was careful to bless and praise God with his words, which were heavily dependent on Old Testament Scriptures and themes.
- D. Zechariah's testimony caused others to glorify God by their awe over His power.

#### II. Zechariah praised God for His faithfulness to His covenant promises. (1:67-75)

- A. The Messiah would come to the nation of Israel.
- B. This Messiah would fulfill God's promises to David.
- C. This Messiah would fulfill the prophesies of the Old Testament prophets.
- D. This Messiah would fulfill God's promise to Abraham.

**III. Zechariah praised God for His promised Messiah.  
(1:76-79)**

- A. Zechariah's son (John) would be the Messiah's exclusive prophet, forerunner and herald to Israel.
- B. The Messiah would come as God's "Sunrise" to offer mercy's light to those lost in spiritual darkness.
- C. The Messiah would come as God's "Sunrise" to guide sinners to the way of peace with Him.
- D. John would be, as it were, God's *dawn* or *twilight* before the *sunrise* of His Son would appear.

**Observations & Application**

- 1. Zechariah **rejoiced** in God's Old Testament promises and prophesies concerning the Messiah. **Do you delight in God's Word so that you can delight in your Messiah?**
- 2. Zechariah rejoiced in God's **perfect plan and timing** for his salvation because of his **faith** in God's Word. **Do you delight to rejoice in God's plan and timing for your salvation?**
- 3. God calls His people to **trust and obey** His Word. This is the only way we can **continually rejoice** in His perfect plan and timing for our salvation. **Can you honestly say that you delight to trust, obey and rejoice in God's Word?**