

2024 Christmas Series: Gospel Truths from Luke 1-2

“God’s Promised Provision”

Luke 1:57-80 (Page 856 in Pew Bible)

1. Zechariah understood, trusted, and obeyed God’s _____ . (1:57-66)

- *Zechariah obeyed God’s command to name his son “John” (“God is gracious”).*
- *Zechariah was blessed by God for his obedience.*
- *Zechariah’s blessing of God and his testimony caused others to glorify God and be in awe of Him.*

2. Zechariah praised God for His faithfulness to His Word’s _____ . (1:67-75)

- *Zechariah was careful to bless and praise God with his words, which were heavily dependent on Old Testament Scriptures and themes.*
- *God promised that the Messiah would come to the nation of Israel.*
- *God promised that the Messiah would fulfill God’s promises to David.*
- *God promised that the Messiah would fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament prophets.*
- *God promised that the Messiah would fulfill God’s promise to Abraham.*

3. Zechariah praised God for His promised _____ . (1:76-79)

- Zechariah's son (John "the Baptist") would be the Messiah's exclusive prophet, forerunner & herald to Israel.
- The Messiah would come as God's "Sunrise" to offer God's merciful Light to all who are hopelessly lost in spiritual darkness.
- The Messiah would come as God's "Sunrise" to guide sinners into the Way of peace with Him.
- John would be, as it were, God's dawn or twilight before the sunrise of His Son would appear.

BIG IDEA: Because God's Word is fully true, we must correctly understand and obey It.

Observations & Application

1. Zechariah **rejoiced** in God's Old Testament promises and prophecies concerning the Messiah. Do you read, study, and rejoice in God's Word so that you can correctly understand and rejoice in your Messiah—Jesus Christ?
2. God calls His people to **trust and obey** His Word. This is the only way that we can **grow spiritually**. Do you read, study, and rejoice in God's Word so that you can correctly understand and obey God's Word?

"Your Word is a **Lamp** to my feet and a **Light** to my path."
Psalm 119:105