



ZECHARIAH'S SONG OF PRAISE

LUKE 1:67-80

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I. Introduction

Let's look at Zechariah's praise which is known as the Benedictus in Latin because it focuses on the collective salvation of mankind by virtue of God's covenantal promises toward his people.

II. Covenant to David—FULFILLED (vv. 68-71)

- God made the promise _____.
- Zechariah saw God's _____ unfolding.

III. Covenant to Abraham-FULFILLED (vv. 72-75)

- The making of a _____ nation. (Gen. 12:1-3)
- Christians are Abraham's _____ descendants by a shared faith in God's promises to him and us.

IV. John and the New Covenant of Mercy (vv. 76-80)

- God is the _____ Father.
- _____ the songs of Messiah's great love.

V. Conclusion

As Christian historians, you already know that history has answered the question, "What is the single greatest event that has every occurred?" It is the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group

Week: December 15, 2019

Title: Zechariah's Song of Praise

Text: Luke 1:67-80

Kick Starters...

1. Do you have a favorite Christian song that praises God? Do you find yourself singing that song at times?
2. Christmas is almost here...how is your heart preparing to welcome Jesus into the world this year?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. Read Isa. 9:6-7, discuss the excitement associated with these verses for the people of Israel.
5. Zechariah wanted to praise God for redeeming his people. As a redeemed Christian, what does that mean for you today? (cf. John 8:34; Rom. 6:6, 17,. 20)?
6. Read Gen. 22:16-18. How important is obedience In God's eyes and how did he bless Abraham in the process?
7. Read John 4:22 together, what did Jesus mean by that statement and why is that so important for us?
8. Read Matt. 26:28 together. How do we appreciate the blessing of that New Covenant in our lives?
9. The world was dark then and now. Read John 8:12 and discuss how that truth addresses our core problem of sin.

Execute the text

10. The peace which comes from the Savior of the world does not mean the removal of conflict, pain, disease, or discomfort from your life. Rather, the shalom that can only come from knowing God personally means a wholeness and completeness derived from God himself who gives all we require.