

“THANKING GOD FOR HIS FULFILLED PROMISE”

Series: “THEN SINGS MY SOUL,” Part 2 of 4

Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Luke 1:67-80

Big Idea: God is always faithful to what He promises to do; although His techniques and timing may surprise us.

Luke 1:10-11, And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

Luke 1:12-13, When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.

Luke 1:18, Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”

Luke 1:20, And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time.

I. GOD ALWAYS FULFILLS HIS PROMISE.

Numbers 23:19, “God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?”

Luke 1:63-66, “He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.” Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God. The neighbors were all filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, “What then is this child going to be?” For the Lord’s hand was with him.”

Luke 1:67-70, “His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his

people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago).”

II. GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN.

Luke 1:70-75, “(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.”

III. GOD IS ALWAYS WORKING OUT HIS PURPOSES.

Luke 1:76-79, “And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Isaiah 9:2, “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

Matthew 4:16, “The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

John 8:12b, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Matthew 5:14, 16, “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”