

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: The Messenger & The Message

Passage: Luke 1:57-80 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: John would declare the message of Messiah and salvation through forgiveness of sins for the purpose of service.

I. A Prophet is Born (1:57-66)

- (Gen. 17) Circumcision given as a physical sign of the covenant and connection to the covenant people.
- The parents faced pressures from their Customs and the Crowd.
- Zechariah had already experienced the consequences of disobedience/unbelief.
- **TAKE AWAY #1:** Walking with God requires obedience and there is no substitute for it.

II. A Hymn of Praise (1:67-80)

- Mary's hymn was personal, Zechariah's hymn was universal.
- The Lord, God of Israel is referenced to God the Father.
- "Horn of Salvation" is a reference to power & strength.
- God visits and redeems through Messiah, revealed beforehand in the words of His Holy prophets.
- Messiah saves God's people from their enemies. Physical/earthly enemies, Yes but far more. From the spiritual enemies who are the sources of power behind the physical.
- Messiah is God's fulfillment of His covenant promises to Abraham & David.
- Messiah's deliverance meant freedom to serve God without fear and righteously.
- The prophet John, would go before the Lord (**Ps. 110:1**) to prepare His way.
- John would declare salvation in terms of forgiveness of sins that would require repentance.
- Messiah would be the rising sun over a world shrouded in darkness, and this light would never set.
- Messiah would be the light leading to salvation and peace.
- **TAKE AWAY #2:** God saves us to serve Him with our lives TODAY!