

SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

Lesson One • Luke 1:57-80 (67-79)

Zacharias' Song

The First Songs of Christmas

Mary's Song in Luke 1, called the *Magnificat*

Zacharias' Song in Luke 1, called the *Benedictus*

The Angels' Song in Luke 2, called the *Gloria*

Simeon's Song in Luke 2, called the *Nunc Dimittis*

Who Is Zacharias?

Fact 1: Zacharias is a married priest who DOUBTED the angel of the Lord in unbelief.
Luke 1:5-20

Fact 2: Zacharias is a mute father who NAMED his baby John in obedience.
Luke 1:57-63

Fact 3: Zacharias is a spirit-filled father who BROKE his silence in praise.
Luke 1:64-67

The Theme of Zacharias' Song

At long last God has COME to visit His people.

*"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people...
Through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us."
Luke 1:68, 78*

Zacharias' Song

1. We Sing Because God REDEEMS His People!

*"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people, and
has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David." Luke 1:68-69*

2. We Sing Because God KEEPS His Promises!

*"As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began,
that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us,
to perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant,
the oath which He swore to our father Abraham." Luke 1:70-73*

3. We Sing Because God ENABLES His People!

*"To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him
without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life." Luke 1:74-75*

4. We Sing Because God PREPARES His Paths!

*"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; for you will go before
the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people
by the remission of their sins." Luke 1:76-77*

5. We Sing Because God BRINGS His Peace!

*"Through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;
to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:78-79*

Our Desperate Need

What we desperately need more than anything else is to be SAVED from our sins and
this can only come through faith in Jesus Christ, the horn of salvation.

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23
For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23*