

Zechariah's Song of Salvation
Luke 1:57-80

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We are glory-oriented human beings. We are attracted to glorious things, whether it's an exciting drama, an enthralling piece of music or the best meal ever. God built that glory-orientation into us so that it would drive us to him. Because we are glory-oriented, our lives will always be shaped by the pursuit of some kind of glory.... Sin makes us glory thieves. Though God created us to live lives propelled by the glory of God, sin causes us to live for ourselves.... We demand to be in the center of our world, the one place that should be for God and God alone.... Only God's glory can satisfy the glory hunger in our hearts.... God's grace alone has the power to defeat the glory war in our hearts.

#1: The Birth of John (1:57-66)

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸ And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹ And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰ but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." ⁶¹ And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." ⁶² And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. ⁶⁴ And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵ And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, ⁶⁶ and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

#2: The Song of Zechariah (1:67-80)

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

A. Praise for Messianic Salvation (68-75)

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

B. Prophecy About the Forerunner and the Messiah (1:76-77)

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

⁸⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.