

Zechariah's Song, Luke 1:67-79

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Introduction

Good morning, my name is Brad and I'm one of the pastors here. Merry Christmas to you! 'Tis the season to re-enter the true story of Christmas. I'm grateful for Jeremy Shelton, who as part of his pastoral residency, has architected our sermon series in The Songs of Advent. The idea was to intentionally follow our time in the Psalms: moving from the songs of the Old Testament to songs of the New Testament—see the connection?

This morning I invite you to turn in your Bibles with me to Luke 1:67-79. You can find that on page 856 if you're using one of the Bibles in the chairs. The title of today's sermon is "Zechariah's Song," and the main idea is this: When you finally believe God has been at work in the silence, your heart will sing. We will see proof of this in today's passage as

- 1) Zechariah's heart sings of what God has done - vv. 68-75
- 2) Zechariah's heart sings of what God will do - vv. 76-79

With that said, if you are able, please stand with me to honor the reading of God's word. Again, today's passage is Luke 1:67-79. Church, hear the word of the Lord:

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

*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,*
