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Unit I: GOD Prepares the Way
Subject: Zechariah Is Redeemed
Text: Luke 1:57-66, 76-79

Key Verse:

Thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the LORD to prepare his ways (Luke 1:76, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) Bring the Gift (Luke 1: 57-60)**
- 2) Bring the Praise (Luke 1: 61-65)**
- 3) Bring the Light (Luke 1:66, 76-79)**

Introduction

Is there any thing that you have asked the LORD for all the time, but stopped asking because you believe that the LORD did not hear your prayer, so you stopped thinking about the request you asked the LORD for. Only to come to know and learn fifteen, twenty years later by someone that the request you made to the LORD and wanted so badly has been answered. You would find this promise to be to good or too late to be true. Well, this is where the lesson speaks of Zechariah, how he received such a promise from the angel of the LORD and found it hard to believe. We should always believe the LORD promise as soon as possible. But when we do not, the LORD is gracious and patient enough to give us a second chance for not believing, thank you LORD for YOUR grace and mercy.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- Bring the Gift (Luke 1:57-60)**

The LORD'S promise that was sent by the angel of the LORD was fulfilled as HE (the LORD) said (Luke 1:57). Do know that the LORD'S promise never fails. Even, so, much that Elizabeth's neighbors and her extended family gathered to rejoice and celebrate just how the LORD had shown great mercy towards Elizabeth (Luke 1:58). Now, after eight days Zechariah and Elizabeth prepared the child to be circumcised and dedicated, and to publicly name the child according to the Jewish custom. Zechariah and Elizabeth give back to the LORD the gift that HE (the LORD) had given them, and they (the neighbors and extend family) were going to name the child after his father Zechariah (Luke 1:59). Elizabeth corrected those who assumed the child's name would be Zechariah, Elizabeth said that his name is John (Luke 1:60).

Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Bring the Praise (Luke 1:61-65)**

When Elizabeth said that the child's name is John, those neighbors and extended family present began to question Elizabeth's response (Luke 1:61). So, the neighbors and extended family made sign to the father Zechariah (as if he were deaf) for confirmation or denial (Luke 1:62). So, Zechariah asked for a writing table, and he wrote saying that his name is John (Luke 1:63). Upon writing, the name John, Zechariah's mouth were open, and his tongue loosed, and Zechariah spoke, and praised the LORD (Luke 1:64). Now, all that were present were in awe and amazed at the miracle that they had seen, that they went about the town taking about the miracle that took place (Luke 1:65).

Lesson Pointer # 3

- **Bring the Light (Luke 1:66, 76-79)**

Now, all the years of John's childhood and adulthood life, the hand of the LORD was with him (Luke 1:66). The child shall be called a prophet of the LORD'S and he shall serve to prepare the way for the LORD (Luke 1:76). This is to be, that the child John shall be the prophet of the LORD to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins (Luke 1:77). So, salvation would come to the people by the LORD'S tender mercy (Luke 1:78). All the people were and are required to do is to confess and repent of their sins. The LORD will do the work, shining the light of the knowledge of the LORD to lead HIS people to everlasting peace with HIM (Luke 1:79).

Zechariah Is Redeemed!

Lesson Nuggets

- 1) **The LORD'S promise shall be fulfilled as proclaim (Luke 1: 57)**
- 2) **Praise the LORD for the things that HE has done (Luke 1: 64)**
- 3) **We are to confess and repent of our sins (Luke 1:77; Mark 1:4; Romans 10: 9)**