

ZECHARIAH'S SONG

LUKE 1:67-79

12-24-23

I. WHAT WAS ZECHARIAH EXCITED ABOUT?

1. God "visited" His people
2. God "redeemed" His people
3. God's reason to visit us was to fulfill His plan of salvation

II. THE SALVATION OF GOD

1. "Horn of salvation" is a picture of strength and victory

III. SALVATION IN GOD'S COVENANTS

1. Davidic Covenant

Luke 1:69 – "...and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David..."

2 Samuel 7:13 - "He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."

*Luke 1:32-33 - "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him **the throne of his father David**,³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

2. Abrahamic Covenant

Luke 1:73 – "...the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us..."

Genesis 12:3 - "I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 22:18 - "...and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

3. New Covenant

Luke 1:77 – "...to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins..."

*Jeremiah 31:31-34 - "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. **For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**"*

IV. DON'T MISS GOD'S SALVATION

1. Israel missed the importance of Jesus' visitation

Luke 19:44 - "...and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

2. God's salvation inspires our worship

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you the most in our series “The Songs of Christmas”?
2. Why is it important for us to reflect upon God’s salvation? How do we do that with others?
3. How does understanding God’s salvation bring you to worship Him?
4. Thinking about the past year...What was one of the greatest things God did in your life?
5. How has your Community Group ministered to you this past year?
6. What was the most profound thing that God taught you this past year?
7. As you anticipate this next year, how are you looking to grow in your faith?

PRAYER TIME

8. Spend some time as a group praising God for this past year.
9. Then spend some time praying for the upcoming year together as a group.