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ZECHARIAH'S SONG

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LUKE 1: 57-80

I. A FAITHFUL PRIEST

- A. RIGHTEOUS AND (1) _____ (GEN. 6:9; 17:1; DAN. 1:4; JOB 1:1, 8; 2:3; MATT. 1:19; LUKE 2:25-38; PHIL 2:15; 1 THESS. 3:13)
- B. CHILDLESS INTO OLD AGE, (2) _____, BUT STILL (3) _____.
- C. CREDULOUS AT THE IMPOSSIBLE PROPHECY AND (4) _____.

II. JOYFUL MERCY OF THE (5) _____ CONCEPTION AND

- (6) _____ BIRTH
- A. (7) _____ TO BELIEVE THEN BELIEVING (8) _____.
- B. SILENCE TURNED TO (9) _____ (1:41-45; 67-79)

III. ZECHARIAH'S SONG: THE BENEDICTUS

- A. LIGHT OF (10) _____ TO THOSE LIVING IN DARKNESS
- B. LIGHT OF (11) _____ FOR THOSE UNDER SHADOW OF DEATH
- C. LIGHT OF (12) _____ FOR THOSE WITHOUT DIRECTION

IV. FOR JESUS FOLLOWERS

- A. DEALING WITH DISAPPOINTMENT
HOPE = THE (13) _____, (14) _____ EXPECTATION
OF (15) _____, BASED ON THE (16) _____ OF GOD
(CATHARINE COON, HOPE ALIVE! AFRICA)
- B. DEFINE LIFE NOT IN (17) _____ AND IN THE ABILITY TO
(18) " _____," BUT IN (19) _____ THE
ONE WHO IS IN CONTROL.
- C. IN TIMES OF SILENCE, LISTEN TO (20) _____.
- D. GOD'S DESIRE IS TO BRING SALVATION, MERCY, FORGIVENESS BUT THESE GIFTS WILL
ONLY COME TO THOSE WHO WILL:
 - 1. ADMIT THEIR (21) _____,
 - 2. REPENT OF BOTH (22) _____ AND
(23) _____
 - 3. RECEIVE GOD'S (24) _____, (25) _____,
AND (26) _____.
- E. CHRIST WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM, BUT HE MUST ALSO BE BORN (27) _____

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. HOW IS FAITHFULNESS RELATED TO GOD'S BLESSING HIS CHILDREN?
2. WHY DID ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH HAVE NO CHILDREN? HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO PEOPLE TODAY WHO CANNOT HAVE CHILDREN?
3. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOUBT AND UNBELIEF?
4. WHY IS UNBELIEF SO SERIOUS?
5. WHAT THINGS HELP YOU BELIEVE GOD IN DIFFICULT TIMES?
6. HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH THE SILENCE OF GOD?
7. WHAT PRAYERS ARE YOU WAITING FOR GOD TO FULFILL? WHO IS HELPING YOU PRAY THESE PRAYERS?

FILL IN THE BLANK

1. BLAMELESS 2. DISGRACED 3. PRAYING 4. SILENCED 5. MIRACULOUS 6. SUCCESSFUL 7. SLOW
8. DEEPLY 9. SINGING 10. FREEDOM 11. LIFE 12. LEADERSHIP 13. ACTIVE 14. CONFIDENT 15. GOOD
16. CHARACTER 17. POWER 18. "TAKE CONTROL" 19. FOLLOWING 20. JESUS 21. NEED 22. SELF-CONTROL
23. VICTIMHOOD 24. FORGIVENESS 25. HONOR 26. HEALING 27. IN US