

**Reflection Questions:** What am I praising God for today? Is my praise expressed in Scriptural phrases? Why or why not?

How can we pray for one another this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*When God “remembers” His promise, it doesn’t mean He has previously forgotten it; it means He takes some action to bring about what He has promised.*

Christopher Ash

*Advent helps the saints to persevere until He who began a good work in us brings it to fruition. It reminds us that prophets of old looked longingly into the future for the hope of Christ’s coming. Their hope is the same hope we look back on. And like them, we also look to the future, awaiting His return.*

E.M. Welcher

*When John pointed to Jesus and said, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,” he was essentially saying, “Forgiveness has arrived. The Sun has risen, the darkness is over.” And for every person who believes in Him, that’s exactly what He does: He dispels the darkness and He opens the way of peace.*

*Zacharias’s words plainly reveal that Christianity is not a new religion, but rather the fulfillment of everything promised in the Old Testament through the power and work of the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

John MacArthur

*The entire burden of this benedictus, this blessing, this praise to God, in lines drawn from the Old Testament, is to point beyond John the Baptist to the one to whom John the Baptist himself points.*

D. A. Carson

*When through the blood of the everlasting covenant we children of the shadows reach at last our home in the light, we shall have a thousand strings to our harps, but the sweetest may well be the one tuned to sound forth most perfectly the mercy of God.... We who earned banishment shall enjoy communion; we who deserve the pains of hell shall know the bliss of heaven. And all through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the Day-spring from on high hath visited us.*

A.W. Tozer



Luke 1:67-80

*Sermon*  
*Words*

December 6, 2020

1. David

2. Abraham

3. John

4. Jesus

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-  
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

*Psalm 86:15* —

*Titus 3:5* —

2. How do you think Zechariah responded to his forced speechlessness  
(*Luke 1:20, 64*)?

*Isaiah 63:9* —

*James 5:11* —

3. Read *Luke 1:67-80*. What quotations and/or allusions to the Old Testa-  
ment do you see?

*Jeremiah 33:26* —

7. Will God's tender mercy in offering salvation and forgiveness freely  
lead to sinful living (*Romans 6*)? Explain.

4. Why do you think Mary (*Luke 1:46-55*) and Zechariah (*Luke 1:68-79*)  
both used so much Scripture in their songs?

8. What oath did God give to Abraham (*Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15:5-20;*  
*17:1-10; 22:15-18; 26:1-5; 28:10-15; 35:10-12*)?

5. Read *Luke 1:68*. What is *redemption*?

9. What does Zechariah say about his son and his purpose (*Luke 1:76-77*)?

What do these verses add to your understanding of *redemption*?

*John 8:34-36* —

*1 Corinthians 7:23* —

*Romans 3:24* —

*Titus 2:14* —

*Galatians 3:13* —

*Hebrews 2:14-15* —

*Galatians 4:3-5* —

5. What is meant by the *horn of salvation* in *Luke 1:69* (cf. *2 Samuel 22:3;*  
*Psalm 18:2*)?

10. Who is the *Sunrise from on high* (*Luke 1:78*)?

*Malachi 4:2* —

*2 Peter 1:19* —

*John 8:12* —

*Revelation 22:16* —

11. What will the *Sunrise* do (*Luke 1:79*)?

12. What do these verses teach about *peace*?

*Isaiah 54:10* —

*Romans 14:17* —

*John 14:27* —

*Galatians 5:22* —

6. God's mercy is seen throughout *Luke 1* (50, 54, 58, 72, 78). What do  
these verses say about God's mercy?

*Romans 5:1* —

*Philippians 4:7* —