

# Allen Temple Baptist Church

Sunday School Live 

**Sunday December 15, 2024**

**Title: A Fathers Prophecy**

**Devotional Reading: Luke 1:5-17 Background**

**Scripture: Luke 1:5-23, 57-80**

**Lesson Text: Luke 1: 67-80**

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# BACKGROUND

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Luke 1 :5-6

- **The Gospel of Luke.**
- **The Lineage of Zecharias and Elizabeth.**
- **A Prophecy Fulfilled.**
- **The Birth of John the Baptist announced.**

# INTRODUCTION

- **A divine assignment from the Lord.**
- **Zecharias silenced for his unbelief.**
- **Reflecting on the moment.**
- **Zecharias filled with the Holy Spirit.**

# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

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- 1. How does this example of God's providence help us when we do not understand the assignment?**
- 2. What strength can you gain from Zecharias and Elizabeths journey?**
- 3. What should we do when God puts us in uncomfortable positions?**

# LESSON OUTLINES

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**I. Prologue (Luke 1:67)**

**II. Celebrating God (Luke 1:68-75)**

**III. Appointing John (Luke 1:76-78a)**

**IV. Predicting Result (Luke 1:78b-79)**

**V. Epilogue (Luke 1:80)**

# KEY TEXT TO REMEMBER

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**You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins.**

**Luke 1:76-77**

# KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

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- 1. Zecharias and Elizabeth were esteemed, blameless and upright in the sight of the Lord.**
- 2. They were seasoned saints, not in their youth.**
- 3. Elizabeth was barren from having children.**
- 4. God was using them both for His divine purpose.**

## LUKE 1:67-68 NIV

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**67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:**

**68 “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.**



## LUKE 1:69-71 NIV

**69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in  
the house of his servant David,  
70 (as he said through his holy prophets  
of long ago),  
71 salvation from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us.**

# LUKE 1:72-74 NIV

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**72 to show mercy to our ancestors  
and to remember his holy covenant,**

**73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:**

**74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,  
and to enable us to serve him without fear,**

**LUKE 1:69-71 NIV** 

**75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

**76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him**

# LUKE 1:77-78 NIV

**77** to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,  
**78** because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven.

## LUKE 1:79-80 NIV

**79 to shine on those living in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”**

**80 And the child grew and became strong in  
spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he  
appeared publicly to Israel.**

# KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. God can use anyone at anytime for any purpose.**
- 2. This divine appointment was the fulfillment of God's promise we see in the Davidic covenant.**
- 3. The same God that used Zecharias and Elizabeth can use you to fulfill his will despite your age.**
- 4. THE SAME GOD. THE SAME GOD. THE SAME GOD.**

# LIBERATING LESSON

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**There are many people who experience unexpected the assignments in life.**

**Because of this, their hope may grow thin.**

**Even as believers, we often question God's ways.**

**What we must always remember is God is Sovereign and through Christ Jesus we have all victory.**

# FINAL NOTES

**NO CLASS ON DECEMBER 22  
OR DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**Be Blessed in celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ**

**We will resume on January 5th 2025.**