

Beholding

the Glorious One

“The Mysterious Ways of God”

PART 2 • Luke 1:5-25

INTRODUCTION

- The mysterious ways of God

“God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.”

– William Cowper

1. The character of Zacharias (1:5-7)

- the historical context: infamous Herod

- average, ordinary Zach
 - + perpetuating the priesthood

1 Chr. 24

- + ‘righteous and blameless’

Phil. 3:6; 1 Tim. 1:15; Rom. 3:10

- the mysterious fog of barrenness

2. The consternation of Zacharias (1:8-23)

- the routine work of the priests

- the honored work of the priests

- the sudden visit by Gabriel

+ his message

+ his rebuke

3. The consummation of God’s promise (1:24-25)

Lk. 1:76-78