

Joy, Restoration, and Blessing

1. **They Rejoiced at John's Promised Birth (57-63).**

2. **God Restores Zechariah (62-67).**

3. **Blessed Is the Lord God of Israel (68-80).**

CONCLUSION: God blessed an old couple with a child. That child was the cause for great joy not just because he was a blessing to them, but because God had appointed him to be a great blessing to the whole world in proclaiming the fulfillment of God's promises. John was *sent to declare the holy visitation of the King of Kings to redeem His people from their sin and misery*. He was coming not just so that this couple could rejoice, but *so that His people everywhere could rejoice*. We can rejoice since God has restored us to our original design as the people of God delighting in Him and blessing His great name. In Christ we are freed to bless Him as we should. Won't you join in His praise?!