

# **“Benedictus”**

## **The Sweep Of Our So-Great Salvation From A Teaching Priest**

Luke 1:57-80

As Luke the Historian & Doctor from Antioch has introduced the Incarnation (aka “the Visitation” of v 68), he has interwoven two infant narratives – that of John and Jesus. For three months these stories unfolded in the same home (see v 56), before Mary returns to Nazareth – now seeing the early signs of her own pregnancy. Today we pick up Zechariah’s story at the birth of his firstborn son. After nine months of silent meditation, this godly teaching priest (Lev. 10:11; Deu. 33:10; Ne. 8:9; Mal. 2:7; 2 Chr. 15:3, 17:8) has a prophecy to give (v 67)! Walk in the example of Zechariah, who focused on \_\_\_\_\_ GOD (v 64), and thereby blessed his family, his congregation, and all those who have heard the message of his “Benedictus.”

### I. The Teaching Priest’s Blessing \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. (v 57-63)

1. John’s birth and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God has \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ his promises (v 14-17)!
3. Elizabeth gets \_\_\_\_\_ for doing God’s will (v 13), Zechariah \_\_\_\_\_ his wife.
4. After nine months of \_\_\_\_\_ (and isolation), the priest can \_\_\_\_\_ his people.

### II. The Teaching Priest’s Blessing \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. (v 64-75)

1. Reason #1 is \_\_\_\_\_ (Ge. 21:1; 50:24-25; Ex. 4:31).
2. Reasons #2 is \_\_\_\_\_ (Is. 43:1; 44:22; 52:9).
3. The “horn of salvation” from \_\_\_\_\_ house (Psalm 132:17).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ promised to our \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 4:31; 13:17).
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ to Abraham (Ge. 15:18; He. 6:17).
6. \_\_\_\_\_ in righteousness (Ro. 5:17) and holiness (1 Pe. 1:15-16).

### III. The Teaching Priest’s Blessing upon his \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. (v 76-80)

1. A Prophet preparing God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A Teacher giving \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A Guide giving \_\_\_\_\_ back to the ways of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Waiting in the \_\_\_\_\_.