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CHRISTMAS



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GOD REMEMBERS

LUKE 1:5-25 & 57-80
THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH



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ADVENT IS A SEASON
OF BOTH REFLECTION
AND EXPECTATION.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SONG

- We sing to celebrate, honor, fight, and protest.
- We sing to express the posture of our hearts.
- We sing to re-posture our hearts.



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These four songs are monuments to us, marking the incredible moment where *God broke into our natural world*, our history. And they serve to *posture our hearts* to expect that God fulfills His promises and Christ will come again.



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ZECHARIAH'S SONG

LUKE 1:59-80

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⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰ but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.” ⁶¹ They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.” ⁶² Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child.

LUKE 1:59-80

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⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John."

⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things.

LUKE 1:59-80

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⁶⁶ Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, “What then is this child going to be?” For the Lord’s hand was with him. 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 1:59-80

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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—

⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors
and to remember His holy covenant,

LUKE 1:59-80

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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

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;

LUKE 1:59-80

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for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him,

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 1:59-80

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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.

ZECHARIAH'S SONG
REMINDS US HOW WE CAN
POSTURE OUR HEARTS

- Celebrate God's graciousness
- Shout God's faithfulness in
all seasons



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1A. CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACIOUSNESS

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Praising God in the midst of pain is not fake, it is a humbling discipline that proclaims that He is gracious.

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*God's grace is not dependent on our faith
or our circumstances, it is dependent on
His unchanging character.*

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*Zechariah's acknowledgement of God's
grace overflows into worship and serves as
a testimony to those who gathered there.*



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1B. SHOUTING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

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*Zechariah's posture reflects
confidence in a faithful God.*

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*This song captures the heart of
salvation for a people eagerly
awaiting Messiah.*



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*As we enter into the season of Advent,
Zechariah's Song can help us posture our
hearts by reminding us to trust that God
remembers us, to hope in His Word, and
to embrace the centrality of Christ.*



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2A. TRUST THAT GOD
REMEMBERS US

“For me personally, I’ve read a ton of books about holiness, but one thing that I thought was missing was the beauty of God’s holiness and how that’s an incentive for my faith... When I thought about that, I realized that my definition of holiness was too small. His holiness is the reason he’s trustworthy.”

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2B. HOPE IN GOD'S WORD



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2C. EMBRACE
THE CENTRALITY
OF CHRIST



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We can very practically posture our hearts to trust that God remembers us, to hope in His Word, and to embrace His centrality by going to the table.

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