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"ZECHARIAH'S SONG"

Luke 1:68-79

There's something about a song! Luke 1 & 2 is the only place in scripture with 4 songs in such quick succession. It was a mind-boggling time!

400 Years of Silence

"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah... He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers..." (Malachi 4:5 & 6)

Gabriel Appears to Zechariah

(Luke 1:11-20)

2 Ways to Respond to an Angel

"How can I be sure of this?" Evidence (Luke 1:18)

"How will this be?" Explanation (Luke 1:34)

Nine Months of Silence

God always turns His rebukes into rewards for those who keep faith.

In the silence, he began to sense the incredibly miraculous, unrepeatable work of God.

Zechariah's Song

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel. He has raised up a <u>horn of salvation</u> for us." (Luke 1:68 & 69)

God's Word to Us

- Trust Him in the silence
- Trust Him for who He is
- Trust Him with praise and obedience

"...the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."
(Luke 1:78b & 79)

