



**Prepare the Way:
A Song of Hope for the Season!**

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Text: Luke 1:57-80

Passage Summary: At a time of year when we enjoy Christmas songs, we discover that God enjoyed them long before we did, for in preparing the way for the birth of Christ, He _____ a song of _____ for the season through Zechariah!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that Zechariah's hope filled song for the season has everything to do with the _____ of Jesus as the long awaited, promised, prophesied _____! (1:57-80)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the arrival of Jesus as the Messiah, it involves...

- _____! (v.67-75)

See that hope for the salvation God provided through Jesus burns brighter when you understand the climate of the times...

The times of the _____! (Luke 21:24, Daniel 2:1-49)

"Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

Luke 21:24

_____times!

"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

Malachi 4:5-6

_____ of the tribulation times still to come!

See that the salvation God provided through the arrival of Jesus involves...

_____! (v.68)

_____! (v.69-73)

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this."

Isaiah 9:6-7

_____! (v.74a)

_____! (v.74b-75)

Remember: When it comes to Zechariah's hope filled song for the season, the key to the song is _____, God _____ us!

Allow Zechariah's song of hope for the season to inspire you this Christmas!

Pray for the _____ of Jerusalem!

Pursue a deeper understanding of _____!

Purpose to sing a new _____!

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine amidst the growing darkness in our world today, that you will sing to the Lord a new song; a song of hope and assurance that flows from your heartfelt _____ that He is exactly who He says He is, and He will do exactly what He said He will do in His _____!

"I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD."

Psalms 40:1-3