The Christ Child: A Promise Fulfilled – Luke 1:67-79
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At the center of his prophetic declaration, John the Baptist's father speaks of God's holy covenant and oath which the coming of Christ fulfills. What does the fulfillment of this divine promise teach us about the character of our God? Zacharias's prophecy highlights *three central lessons*:

1. He is the God of *faithfulness* (72, 73)

2. He is the God of *salvation.*

    a. Political salvation for Israel (71, 74)

    b. Personal salvation from sin (77, 79)

3. He is the God of *compassion.*

    a. The God of *visitation* (68, 78)

    b. The God of *tender mercy* (78)