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Luke 1:5-25 (p. 1587)

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*"Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God.
And he will go on before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah,
to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children
and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous –
to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."*

Luke 1:16-17

The gospel story

*Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us,
just as they were handed down to us by those who were from the first eyewitnesses and servants of the word.*

Luke 1:1

The story of a priest

In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest

Luke 1:5

The silence is shattered

*. . . then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.
When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.*

Luke 1:11

Key: When God broke in, Zechariah was being faithful

Sonship with a purpose

*“Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard.
Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to name him John.
He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth.”*
Luke 1:13-14 (see Sarah’s story in Genesis 17)

Key: Sonship is how I experience God’s promises

From surprise to assurance

*Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”
The angel answered, “I am Gabriel, I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent
to speak to you and to tell you the good news.”*
Luke 1:18-19 (see Luke 1:3-4 → Romans 1 and Paul’s definition of the gospel)

1) Gospel comes with GRACE and DISCIPLINE

2) Assurance starts IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

For further study of Luke 1

Deffinbaugh’s introduction to Luke at <https://bible.org/seriespage/1-silence-shattered-luke-11-38>

Ligon Duncan’s studies in Luke at <https://www.fpcjackson.org/resource-library/sermons/by-series/luke>

There are several good introductions to Luke at the Monergism web site at <https://www.monergism.com/topics/sermon-manuscripts-mp3s-scripture/luke/introductions-outlines-studies>

J.C. Ryle has a helpful introduction to Luke and study of Luke 1 at <http://www.gracegems.org/Ryle/101.htm>