

SERMON NOTES

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MESSAGE: BENEDICTUS - PART I

The Benedictus – “Blessed” – Luke 1:68

Luke 1:46–47 / 2:14; Psalm 41:13 / 72:18 / 106:48

I. The Birth of the Messiah – Luke 1:68–75

Covenants Fulfilled

1. The Davidic Covenant
 - Luke 1:68–69
 - 2 Samuel 7
 - Isaiah 9:6–7
2. The Abrahamic Covenant
 - Luke 1:72–75
3. The New Covenant (anticipated)
 - Luke 1:76–79

II. The Birth of the Forerunner – Luke 1:76–79

- John’s mission prepares the way for the Messiah.
 - Isaiah 61:1–2
 - Luke 4:18–19
 - “The acceptable year of the Lord” (Luke 4:19)
 - Note: Jesus did not quote Isaiah 61:2b (“*the day of vengeance of our God*”)
- The Day Spring (Rising Light)
 - Luke 1:78
 - Malachi 4:2
 - Isaiah 43:18–19
 - Lamentations 3:22–23
- Our Response: Luke 1:76–80, “*And you, child...*”
 - John came in the spirit and power of Elijah – Malachi 4:5–6
 - He called people back to the Father.
 - Luke 1:80
 - John grew strong in spirit
 - Prepared in the wilderness
- Additional references:
 - Isaiah 61:2 (God’s favor and justice)
 - John 3:30 (“*He must increase, I must decrease*”)