

## **Burden Lifting Day – Luke 1:5-17**

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### **Introduction**

1. God's prophecies are always on schedule. Some came faster than others but all were fulfilled right when God promised they would be.
2. The curtain opens again after several hundred years of silence from God and the prophets to prepare for the birth of Christ. This preparation brings an announcement to Zacharias and Elizabeth in the book of Luke...

#### **I. The Burden In Their Lives (v7)**

- a. They Had No Child
  - i. Prayers were offered even in old age
  - ii. Others knew of their burden
  - iii. Burdens can eclipse our blessings!

#### **II. Burden-Lifting Day Arrived (v8-11)**

- a. Today The Answers To Their Prayers Would Come
  - i. It was an ordinary day like yesterday
  - ii. Yet they never gave up hope and neither should we – Romans 8:24-32
  - iii. Jesus is our hope and God always wants what is best for us!
- b. Burden-Lifting Days In The Bible
  - i. Blind Bartimaeus outside of Jericho – Mark 10:46-52
  - ii. Crooked Zacchaeus up the tree – Luke 19:1-10
  - iii. The Samaritan women at the well – John 4:1-42

#### **III. When Their Burden Was Lifted, The Blessings Were Greater Than Expected**

- a. They Had Hoped For A Baby
- b. God Gave Them A Child Still Remembered...As They Are
- c. He Was The Forerunner Of Christ
- d. The Angel's Announcement – Luke 1:19-25; 58-66
- e. The Prophecy of Zacharias – Luke 1:67-80

### **Conclusion**

1. What is your burden? Your area of defeat? Your Need?
2. God is willing to meet your need today!
  - a. Philippians 4:4-7 – There is a peace offered that will guard us
  - b. 1 Peter 5:6-7 – God cares for us and wants to hear our troubles
  - c. 1 John 5:4-5; 13-15 – The victory is in Jesus who is life
  - d. Matthew 11:28-30 – Jesus says come to me who are weary and burdened