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A Silence Broken

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A Picture of God's People (1:5-7)

- Remember the intense _____ they endured. (5)
- Notice the godly piety they showed. (6)
  - They were _____ in God's sight.
  - They were _____ to God's commands.
- See the impossible _____ they faced. (7)
  - They had _____ children.
  - Elizabeth was barren.
  - They were both _____.

There is Power in Prayer (1:8-14)

- God acts through the prayers of his people. (8-10)
- God _____ us where we pray. (11)
- God _____ us when we pray. (12-13)
- God answers our prayers to advance his purposes. (14)
  - Their son would be named John, which means, "God is _____."
  - Their son would be _____ before the Lord.

The Plan of God Will Prevail (1:14-23)

- God's plan is being "fulfilled" in six echoes of the Old Testament
  - The picture of _____: From barrenness to birth.
  - The worship of _____: From prayer to praise.
  - The picture of _____: From strength to salvation.
  - The prophet _____: From calling in the womb to crying out in the wilderness.
  - The prophecy of _____: From foretelling to fulfillment.
  - The prophecy of _____: From announcement to arrival.
- God's plan will come to pass through the ministry of John.
  - Notice the _____ he will bring. (14)
  - Notice the empowerment he will have. (15)
  - Notice the _____ he will make. (16-17)
- God's plan will prevail despite _____. (18-23)
  - Zechariah's silence exposed his lack of _____.
  - Zechariah's restored speech proclaimed God's _____.

Private Praise of the Grace of God (1:24-25)

- She saw the _____ behind the gift. (James 1:17)
- Before others could see what God was doing, Elizabeth was already thanking Him for it.
  - You don't have to keep your blessings a secret but…
  - Gratitude to God does not need a _____ audience.

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A Picture of God's People (1:5-7)

- Remember the intense **persecution** they endured. (5)
- Notice the godly piety they showed. (6)
    - They were **righteous** in God's sight.
    - They were **obedient** to God's commands.
- See the impossible **problem** they faced. (7)
    - They had **no** children.
    - Elizabeth was barren.
    - They were both **old**.

There is Power in Prayer (1:8-14)

- God acts through the prayers of his people. (8-10)
- God **meets** us where we pray. (11)
- God **hears** us when we pray. (12-13)
- God answers our prayers to advance his purposes. (14)
    - Their son would be named John, which means, "God is **gracious**."
    - Their son would be **great** before the Lord.

The Plan of God Will Prevail (1:14-23)

- God's plan is being "fulfilled" in six echoes of the Old Testament
    - The picture of **Sarah**: From barrenness to birth.
    - The worship of **Hannah**: From prayer to praise.
    - The picture of **Samson**: From strength to salvation.
    - The prophet **Jeremiah**: From the calling in the womb to crying out in the wilderness.
    - The prophecy of **Daniel**: From foretelling to fulfillment.
    - The prophecy of **Malachi**: From announcement to arrival.
- God's plan will come to pass through the ministry of John.
    - Notice the **joy** he will bring. (14)
    - Notice the empowerment he will have. (15)
    - Notice the **difference** he will make. (16-17)
- God's plan will prevail despite **unbelief**. (18-23)
    - Zechariah's silence exposed his lack of **faith**.
    - Zechariah's restored speech proclaimed God's **faithfulness**.

Private Praise of the Grace of God (1:24-25)

- She saw the **Giver** behind the gift. (James 1:17)
- Before others could see what God was doing, Elizabeth was already thanking Him for it.
    - You don't have to keep your blessings a secret but…
    - Gratitude to God does not need a **public** audience.