

MORE THAN EXPECTED

Zacharias' Story – Luke 1

I. GOD DOES MORE THAN EXPECTED

- A. Zach asked for a blessing but received A PROMISE (14-16)
- B. Zach asked for a blessing but received MERCY (20)
- C. Zach asked for a blessing but received A CHILD (24)
- D. Zach asked for a blessing but received A SON (64)
- E. Zach asked for a blessing but received GOD'S SPOKESMAN (76-77)

II. LESSONS OF GIVING AND RECEIVING

- A. HOW DOES GOD GIVE?
 - Answer: More than expected
- B. ARE YOU BLAMELESS YET BARREN? (6-7)
 - 1. Have you grown bitter?
 - 2. How does God give?
- C. HAVE YOU PRAYED FOR THINGS AND CONCLUDED THAT GOD HAS QUIT LISTENING? (13)
 - 1. Remember that God's delays are not denials
 - 2. How does God give?
- D. HAVE YOU FOOLISHLY QUESTIONED GOD? (18)
 - 1. And yet experienced His mercy
 - 2. How does God give?
- E. HAVE YOU BLESSED GOD FOR RELIEVING YOUR BURDEN? (24-25)
 - 1. The barren is now bearing
 - 2. How does God give?

III. CONCLUDING CONSIDERATIONS

- A. WHEN YOU SPEAK – PRAISE GOD (64-66)
 - Get people talking about God things (65-66)

- B. WHEN YOU PRAY – EXPECT ANSWERS
 - Matthew 7:7-8

- C. WHEN YOU BENEFIT – GLORIFY GOD
 - Ephesians 3:20-21