



## Outline – Sunday School December 03, 2017

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**Sermon Title: “Breaking the Silence with Good News” Part 1**

**Text: Luke 1:5-23**

**Context:**

~ **Luke’s Objective:** The Unfolding of “the Drama of Redemption” (Luke 1:1-4)

~ **The Intermission:** 400 years of “Divine Silence”; The reign of Herod I (c. 37 to 4 BC); Israel under Roman rule.

**1. Service of the Faithful in Silence: vv 5-10**

a. (v 5-6) The faithfulness of a priestly couple. Rom 3:21-26; 4:5-11/Gen 17:1/ Job 1:1/Phil 2:15

b. (v 7) The paradox of their present circumstance. Is 54:4-7

c. (vv 8-10) The significance of Zacharias’ privileged context.

**2. God Breaks the Silence: vv 11-17**

a. (vv 11-17) A gracious answer to prayer. Gen 25:21/Prov 15:29

b. (vv 11-13) The good news proclaimed. Gen 18:14/John 1:6-7/Luke 7:28/Is 40:3-5/Mal 3:1

**3. The Response of Unbelief Silenced: vv 18-23**

a. (v 18) A question of unbelief rendered. Luke 1:34/Rom 4:19

b. (vv 19-23) A sign of judgment mixed with mercy received. Ezek 3:25-27