

Luke's Introduction vs. 1-4 speaks of the prophecy that was fulfilled before their eyes. Prophecies are still being fulfilled before our eyes. He got his information from those who were eyewitnesses and ministered the Word (logos). Vs. 3 Luke was confident of what he was saying was true.

### **TO SERVE CHRIST IS A PRIVILEGE, vs. 5-13**

1. About Zacharias – he was of the division of Abijah and the eighth of the twenty-four divisions, see I Chronicles 24:10
2. He and Elizabeth were righteous, v. 6
3. Old but still serving, v. 7- 8
4. Within his division they cast lots to see what each one was to do and he was to burn incense, v.9
5. The protocols of God, v. 11
6. Don't fear your prayer has been heard, v. 13

### **TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD, vs. 13-25**

The seven "wills" of God

1. Elizabeth "will" bear you a son – call him John.
2. You "will" have joy and gladness, v. 14
3. Many "will" rejoice at his birth, v. 14
4. He "will" be great in the sight of the Lord, v.15
5. He "will" be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb, v. 15
6. He "will" turn many to God, v. 16
7. He "will" go before the Christ walking in the spirit and power of Elijah, v. 17

The message

1. To minister in power, v. 17 any who want to much of anything need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
2. To heal families, v. 17
3. To turn the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, v. 17
4. To make a people ready for Christ's return, v. 17

Our position tells us what we will see.

1. Zacharias saw with the physical eye only, v. 18
2. The angel (our brother) is much like us:
  - a. Stands in the presence of God, v. 19
  - b. Are sent to speak on God's behave.
  - c. To bring glad tidings
3. Unbelief causes us to be mute, v. 20
4. The results, vs. 21-25 God's will is going to come to pass. Birth of John vs. 57-63.

## TO PROPHECY THE WILL OF GOD, vs. 64-79

1. When we have freedom and our tongues are loosed, we **will** praise God, v. 64.
2. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we **will** prophecy, v. 67.
3. We **will** prophecy of the salvation of Jesus Christ, vs. 67 – 75
4. John's purpose was to: vs. 75 – 79
  - a. prepare the Lord's way, v.76
  - b. give knowledge of salvation, v. 77
  - c. Guide our feet into the way of peace, v. 79

Last words: When we grow in spirit, Jesus "will be" manifested to others – to our nation.