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**Sermon: *The Adoration of Zecharias***

**Scripture: Luke 1:67-79**

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**Introduction:**

Christmas ought to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our adoration for the Savior who has come to bring the hope of salvation.

**Zecharias passionately proclaimed the worthiness of the Lord,**

1. **The Savior who is gracious in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** (vv. 68b, 69b)

***Scripture:*** *Hebrews 13:5*

The wonder of Christmas is that the infinitely worthy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

came to dwell among and to die on behalf of infinitely unworthy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **The Savior who is infinite in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** (vv. 69a, 74a)

***Scripture:*** *Isaiah 41:10, 17*

1. **The Savior who is impeccable in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** (vv. 70, 72b)

***Scriptures:*** *Psalm 89:20-37; Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1-9; Jeremiah 23:5-6*

Jesus was fully qualified in his nature, his credentials and his work.

1. **The Savior who is effective in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** (vv. 68c, 71a, 74a)

***Scriptures:*** *Romans 3:24; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:12*

1. **The Savior who is infinite in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** (vv. 71, 68b, 78)

***Scriptures:*** *Genesis 12:3; 22:18*

Jesus came to provide mercy without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to mankind.

1. **The Savior who is flawless in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** (vv. 72b-73)

***Scriptures:*** *Hebrews 6:17-18; Psalm 111:5; Genesis 12:1-3*

God is forever true to His Nature and His Word.

1. **The Savior who is gracious in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** (v. 74b)

***Scriptures:*** *2 Timothy 1:9; Ephesians 2:8-10*

1. **The Savior who is perfect in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** (vv. 75, 77b)

***Scripture:*** *Hebrews 9:14*

Our redeemer has set us free from the pointlessness and purposelessness of sin,

to serve the infinite God in His glorious and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** work.

1. **The Savior whose arrival is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** (vv. 76-79)

***Scriptures:*** *Malachi 3:1; 2 Corinthians 5:20*

**Conclusion:** In response to such a worthy Savior, w*e ought to be not only renewed in our adoration, but also in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that He has come and is coming again.*

**Questions to Consider:**

1. What qualifying statement in verse 69 ought to make us sit up and take special notice of Zecharias’ “Benedictus”?
2. What keeps you from properly adoring the infinitely worthy Savior?
3. What truths from this message inspire a deeper adoration of Jesus Christ?
4. What is the connection between purification and service?
5. What was the significance of John’s mission?
6. How did Jesus’ arrival serve as the dawn of light, life and peace? How is this mission not yet accomplished?