- I. The God Of Hope (Luke 1:67-80)
 - A. God is Man's Hope (67-75)
 - 1. Zechariah's Blesses God (67-68)
 - 2. God has Been Gracious (68b-75)
 - a. God is Merciful (68b-73)
 - i. God is Redeemer (68b)
 - He came to his people and redeemed them $\,$
 - ii. God is Faithful (69-70)
 - He provided the salvation he promised
 - iii. God is Protector (71)
 - He delivers from the hands of the enemy
 - iv. God is trustworthy (72-73)
 - He holds to his covenants
 - b. The Saved Serve Without Fear (74-75)
 - i. For centuries service came with fear
 - must be perfect or death
 - ii. Now we have his holiness and righteousness (75)
 - B. Hope is Coming (76-80)
 - 1. John will Prepare the people (76-77)
 - a. John will be a prophet (76)
 - b. John will prepare for the Lord's coming
 - c. John will bring the Message of Salvation (77)
 - 2. God will Bring Light into the Darkness (78-79)
 - a. Death will reign no more
 - b. Sin will be defeated
 - 3. John Began to grow and prepare for His task (80)
 - a. Becoming Strong in Spirit
 - b. Lived in Seclusion preparing himself
 - c. How are we preparing?