

YHWH Remembers!

Sermon Series: **Luke: All Things New**



Series Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be made new as we follow the One who is making all things new!



Key Text

Luke 1:5

→ “In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.



Big Idea

God has had a plan from all eternity, He makes that plan known to us in His promises, and He remembers to move on His promises and plan at just the right time.

(1) YHWH Plans

We begin with YHWH Plans, because behind and beneath every promise God ever makes is His plan. This plan runs from eternity past on into eternity future. It is as sure and stable as the being of YHWH Himself—and YHWH is the same yesterday, today, and forever: “I am who I am!” This is why Paul would say: “[He] works all things according to the counsel of His will” (Eph 1:11b). All the disparate facts of the universe are ordered, governed, mobilized by almighty God. All the diversity is brought into a unity in the plan of God. All of life is bursting forth with meaning. All of history is marching forward with purpose. Beneath every historical fact is a theological “must”!

(2) YHWH Promises

But YHWH not only Plans, He also Promises. His promises, if you will, can be understood to be His letting us in on His eternal plan. You have this eternal plan stretching from alpha to omega, and then you have these promises, given in time and space: “Here’s what I’m planning to do!” In the temporally conditioned promises of God, then, we are given windows into His eternal plan. But what happens if what I see with my eyes in no way seems to accord with what I’ve heard Him say with my ears? Has YHWH forgotten me?

(3) YHWH Remembers

Do you want to know what Zechariah means in the Hebrew: “YHWH remembers!” Do you want to know what Elizabeth most likely means in the Hebrew: “My God swears!” Putting the 2 names together: YHWH, my God, remembers what He’s sworn, He remembers His oath, His covenant, His promise, His plan! And He is sending His Son in whom “all the promises of God find their yes!” (2 Cor 1:20a). The age of fulfillment is beginning!



Critical Action

As we live in yet another period of promise between the first and second coming of Christ, resolve not to be a Herod or a Maccabee, but rather be a Simeon or an Anna and wait for Him to remember and actualize His promises in accordance with His plan!



Reflection Questions

- Have you ever found yourself asking: “What’s the point?” Have you ever wondered if life is without meaning or purpose? When? Why? What helps you through this?
- Does God have a plan for your life personally? What Scriptures would lead you to think so?
- What plans do you have for your life? What would happen if God has different plans? Give an example of when this has happened? How did you respond?
- What promises are you tempted to feel God has forgotten for you? What does it look like to be a Maccabean in these moments? What would it look like to be a Simeon or an Anna?