

Sunday School Lesson. LESSON III.—JANUARY 16, 1881. THE PROPHECY OF ZACHARIAS.— Luke 1. 67-80.

—THE COMING OF CHRIST.—Verse 69, 70. This was spoken of by Zacharias as though he were already come. His own son was the pledge of the fulfilment of the announcement to Mary.

II.—THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S MANIFESTATION.—Ver. 71-75. The latter of these verses explain the former. Without them it might be thought that Zacharias was under the influence of the prevailing notions about the Messiah as simply a Jewish deliverer.

III.—THE RELATION OF JOHN TO THIS GREAT WORK.—Ver. 76-79. "The Prophet of the Highest."—By the Highest is meant Christ Himself.

IV.—THE CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH OF JOHN.—Verse 80. He grew bodily, in physical development—and waxed strong in spirit—in intellectual, moral and spiritual development.

And was in the desert.—It was probably his practice, even in early childhood, to wander away into solitary places, and live much alone, until, as he grew towards manhood, he retired into the desert altogether, and lived the life of the anchorite there.

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