

“Advent of the Nativity” – part III

Text: Luke 1:56-80

Scripture reading: Luke 2:1-20

I. God’s promise unfolding – vv. 56-65

II. God’s promise nurturing – vv. 66, 80

III. God’s promise arising – vv. 67-79

A) The rising of God’s covenant with David – vv. 68-71

B) The rising of God's covenant with Abraham – vv. 72-76

C) The rising of God's promised Light, the Messiah – vv. 77-79

Conclusion:

- 1) Joy has come into the darkness

- 2) Praise and worship for the work of God's hand

- 3) The knowledge of salvation has come

“If Christmas time cannot ignite within us again something like a love for holy theology, so that we – captured and compelled by the wonder of the manger of the Son of God – must reverently reflect on the mysteries of God, then it must be that the glow of the divine mysteries has also been extinguished in our heart and has died out.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer