

Luke 1:46-55

Advent and Joy

Sermon Notes for December 22, 2013, by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

Intro - Advent and Voluntarism, Excellence, Beauty and Joy - "Adviphany"

Sanctuary Christmas Decorations

1. The Advent of Beauty
 - A. Our Need For Beauty - The Rumble of Panic vv. 1-3,5
"Beauty will save the world" (Dostoevsky)
 - B. God's Beauty and Its Satisfaction v. 4
Ps. 16:11
 - C. The Beauty of the Temple (and our means) vv. 4,5
Ps. 96:6; Isa. 64:11; Ps. 84:3; 65:4; 50:2; Isa. 63:15; Isa. 53
 - D. The Advent of Beauty - The Beautiful Child
Isa. 33:17; Ezek. 16:14; Isa. 4:2; Heb. 1:3
2. Our Calling to A Creaturely Beauty - Song of Songs 1:15-2:4
 - A. Founded on God's Declaration of Our Beauty - Isa. 61:10;
 - B. Prefigured in Garments **for** Glory and Beauty - Isa. 52:1; Ex. 28:2,3; Esther 1:4ff
 - C. We are Zion, the Temple, and the City of God, From Where Beauty Shines Forth
Isa. 54:11-14
3. Characteristics of Beauty - Ex. 28:39; 31:1-7; Ex. 12:5;
Phil. 4:8; Matthew 26:10; Matthew 26:9; Luke 6:48; 1 Timothy 3:1; Luke 21:5
4. Beauty and Eschatology - Ps. 49:1,2; Matt. 5:14-16
In and Out, Nativity, Sermon Stream

Discussion Questions

1. What did Pastor Tuuri say were the two basic steps of perceiving the beauty of God? How can others pray for you in reference to these two actions?
2. How could you seek to develop beauty in your vocation?
3. Do you believe it when Jesus tells you that you are beautiful?
4. How might you speak beauty into your home this week?
5. What are some ways that your volunteer work at RCC might manifest beauty?
6. How might RCC shine forth into our block, neighborhood, and city? How can you help?
7. Please pray that we might be able to hire an Associate Pastor who will help us in voluntarism, excellence, beauty and outreach.

I. Old Testament Prefigurement Songs

- A. Ex. 15 – Deliverance and Victory Over Enemies
- B. Numbers 21:16-18 – Water
- C. Dt 31:19 – Judgment Against Committed Covenant-breakers
- D. Jdg 5:1-4 – Victory over Enemies
- E. 1 Sa 18:6.7 – The King and Victory over Enemies
- F. 2 Sa 22 Deliverance
- G. 1 Ch 15, the Psalms - The Advent of the King in Jerusalem
- H. Song of Songs – The Advent of the King in Marriage

II. Four NT Fulfillment Songs

- A. Luke 146-55 (Magnificat)
- B. Luke 1:68-79 (Benedictus)
- C. Luke 2:14 (Gloria in Excelsis)
- D. Luke 2:29-32 (Nunc Dimitis)

Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

^{46b} “My soul *magnifies* the Lord,
⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
⁴⁸ For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.
⁴⁹ For He who is mighty has done great things for me,
And holy is His name.

⁵⁰ And His mercy is on those who fear Him
From generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
⁵² He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
And exalted the lowly.
⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich He has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped His servant Israel,
In remembrance of His **mercy**,
⁵⁵ As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever.”

Benedictus Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ “*Blessed* is the Lord God of Israel,
For He has visited and redeemed His people,
⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of His servant David,
⁷⁰ As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,
who have been since the world began,
⁷¹ That we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us,
⁷² To perform the mercy
promised to our fathers
And to remember His holy covenant,
⁷³ The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴ To grant us that we,
being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve Him without fear,
⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before Him
all the days of our life.

⁷⁶ “And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest;
For you will go before the face of the Lord
To prepare His ways,
⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation to His people
By the remission of their sins,
⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God,
With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;
⁷⁹ To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Gloria in Excelsis, Luke 2:14

¹⁴ “*Glory to God in the highest,*
And on earth Peace, goodwill toward men!”

Nunc Dimitis, Luke 2:29-32

²⁹ “Lord, *now* You are letting Your servant *depart* in peace,
According to Your word;

³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation
³¹ Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,
³² A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel.”