



The Dayspring

Luke 1:67-79



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67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: 68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, 69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant — 70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old — 71 Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES, And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US; 72 To show mercy toward our fathers, And to remember His holy covenant, 73 The oath which He swore to Abraham our father, 74 To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might



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serve Him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days. 76 "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS; 77 To give to His people the knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness of their sins, 78 Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the Sunrise from on high shall visit us, 79 TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, To guide our feet into the way of peace."



The Prophet who could not speak...

- **Luke's story of the Birth of Christ...**
 - **Involves the intimate areas of the family: Elizabeth and Mary**
 - **Zacharias, silenced and then set free by the Holy Spirit**
- **Responses?**
 - **Fear (vs. 65)**
 - **Questions: What about this child? The Hand of the Lord...**
 - **Zacharias: "began to speak in praise of God." (vs. 64)**

The Birth that changed it all?

- Zacharias prophesies...
 - God HAS visited us
 - God HAS accomplished redemption
 - God HAS raised up a horn of Salvation
 - God HAS accomplished His promises
 - God HAS freed us from our enemies
 - God HAS shown mercy
 - God HAS remembered His covenant
- Can we see what God HAS done for us?

The Beginning of Blessings

- Now that we are free: (vs. 74)
 - We CAN serve God without fear – *latreuo*, worship, minister
 - Home, Work, School, everywhere! Boldly!
 - Holiness and righteousness – serving Him guarantees this!
 - All our days... not a weekend outing!
- And what was convincing Zacharias of all this?

The Boy of Prophecy

- **“YOU, CHILD”... (vs. 76)**
 - A big mantle for a baby just born...
 - Prophet of the Most High
 - Prepare HIS Way
 - Teach HIS people... all of us!
 - “the knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness of their sins”
 - Knowing we are forgiven **CHANGES** everything

The “Because” Of It All

- God’s tender mercy has done all this
- The Sunrise from on high, Dayspring...
 - 2Peter 1:19 And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.
 - Revelation 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."