

## What a Mighty God We Serve!

Luke 1: 67-79

Our text today deals with the prophecy Zacharias, father of John the Baptist, spoke concerning Christ the Lord. God had revealed that Zacharias and Elizabeth would have a son, and because of his doubt, Zacharias was unable to speak until John was born. Upon his birth, Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost and prophesied these powerful words.

Through his prophecy we see much that humanity received in Christ. Zacharias likely couldn't fully comprehend all that Christ would perform, just as you and I cannot fully understand all we have in Him, but I rejoice for the day the good news came! Although I may not be able to comprehend all that I have in Christ and all that waits me when this life is through, I can certainly rejoice in my relationship with Him.

Let's take a moment to consider the [certainties](#) revealed in this prophecy as we think on:  
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### I. A Merciful Lord (68-75)

**A. His Visitation** (68) – *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people. Psalm 8:3-4 – When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; <sup>[4]</sup> What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? Isn't it amazing that the Lord would have come to pardon our sin? I stand amazed that He is mindful of sinners such as we are!*

**B. His Redemption** (68) – *Redeemed: Ransomed; Delivered from the penalty of sin! Eph.1:7 – In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

**C. His Salvation** (69) – *And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; Horn: Strength, Power and Might; The Mighty One of Salvation. God raised up the Horn of our Salvation! We stood condemned and separated, hopeless within our sin. Christ came to redeem and pardon, doing for us what we never could!*

**D. His Compassion** (71-73) – *That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; <sup>[72]</sup> To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; <sup>[73]</sup> The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, We received undeserved mercies from Almighty God. He has shown great compassion on those who were unworthy!*

**E. His Reception** (74-75) – That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,<sup>[75]</sup> In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. God allows us to serve Him and live for Him! We are counted as righteous by the blood of the Lamb. We have been adopted into His family, made heirs of the Promise, and redeemed in Christ!

## **II. A Matchless Lord** (76-79)

**A. His Preeminence** (76) – And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; Zacharias knew John would be the forerunner for Christ, the **Highest** – *Supreme; Most High God; Sovereign Lord*. The birth of Christ stands as the defining moment by which modern time is measured. His coming is the key event in world history!

**B. His Plan** (77-78a) – To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,<sup>[78a]</sup> Through the tender mercy of our God; The Lord ordained and offers a message of forgiveness and salvation. He desires that all men be saved. 2 Peter 3:9 – The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

**C. His Purchase** (78b) – whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us. The Lord chose me! The Dayspring from on high hath **visited** us. He has “*looked upon, inspected, chosen, and selected us!*” It has the idea of “*looking upon with mercy, favor, regard.*” Aren’t you glad He noticed our need and chose to visit us in salvation?

**D. His Peace** (79) – To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace*. The Light has never grown dim or gone out. We are living in a dark and sinful world and yet there is hope and peace in Christ! I rejoice that I have seen the Light, being eternally delivered from darkness.

**Conclusion:** Christmas brings images of the Babe in a manger, sheep, Shepherds, Angels, and Wise men from the east. These are all beautiful, but Christmas reveals so much more. In His birth, Christ came to fulfill the plan of God, the redemption of mankind. This was done for humanity, you and me. As we celebrate Christmas, I pray we are reminded of the Mighty, Merciful, and Gracious Lord who made provision for us!