



# Zechariah's Song

Luke 1:67-79



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- 8 Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, 9 according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. 11 And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, 17 and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”
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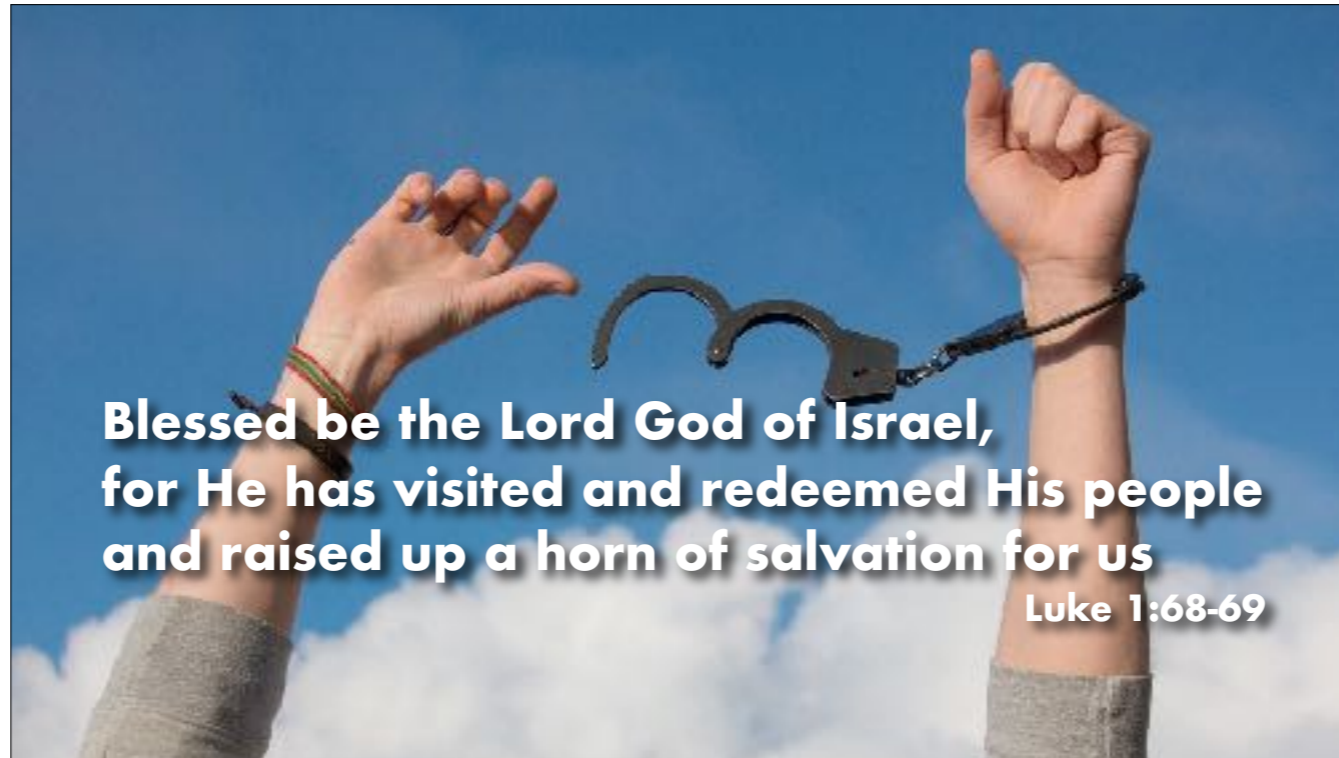
- Luke 1:57-66 (ESV) 57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. 58 And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. 59 And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, 60 but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” 61 And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” 62 And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. 63 And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. 64 And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. 65 And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, 66 and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.



- Silence to Praise
- Luke 1:20 (ESV) And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.”
- Luke 1:22 (ESV) And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute.



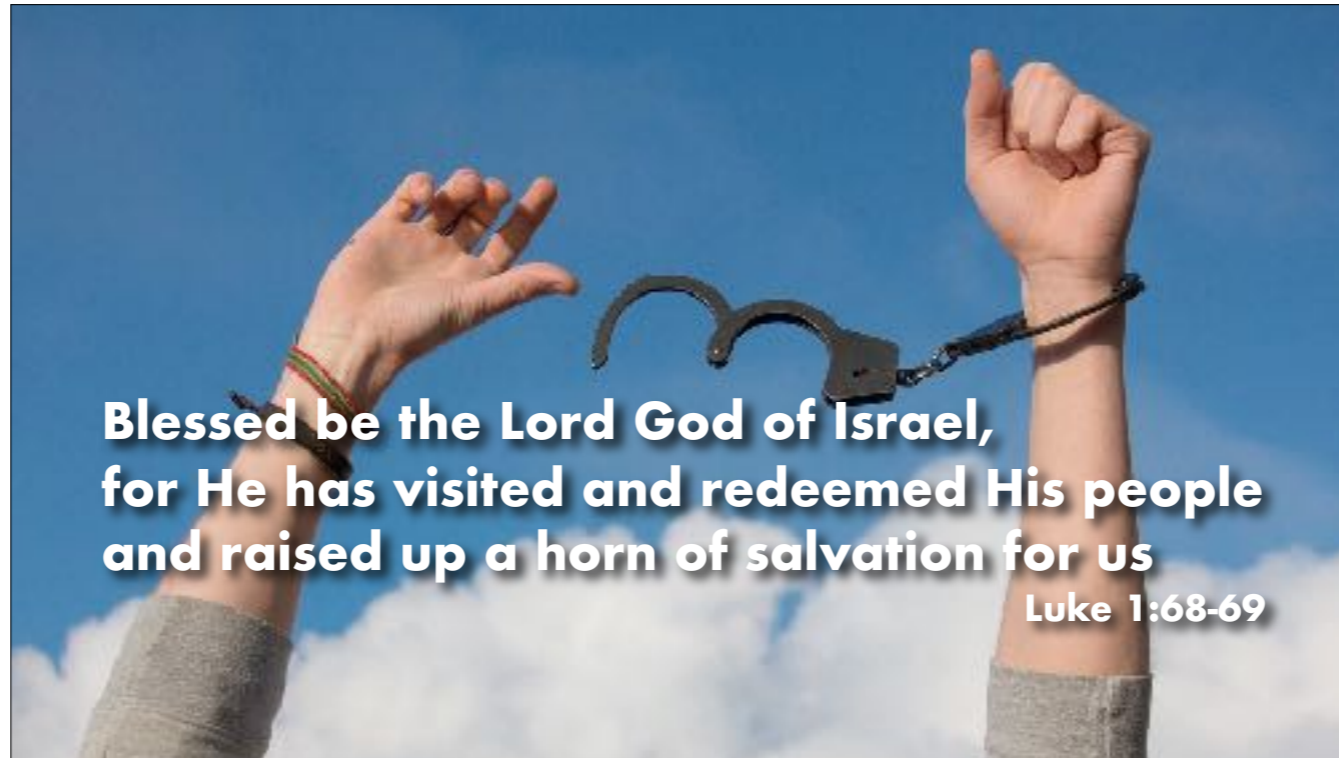
- 68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
  - for he has **visited** and **redeemed** his people
  - 69 and has raised up a horn of **salvation** for us
  - in the house of his servant David,
  - 70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
  - 71 that we should be **saved** from our enemies
  - and from the hand of all who hate us;
- 76 And you, child,
  - will be called the prophet of the Most High;
  - for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
  - 77 to give knowledge of **salvation** to his people
  - in the **forgiveness** of their sins,



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**Luke 1:68-69**

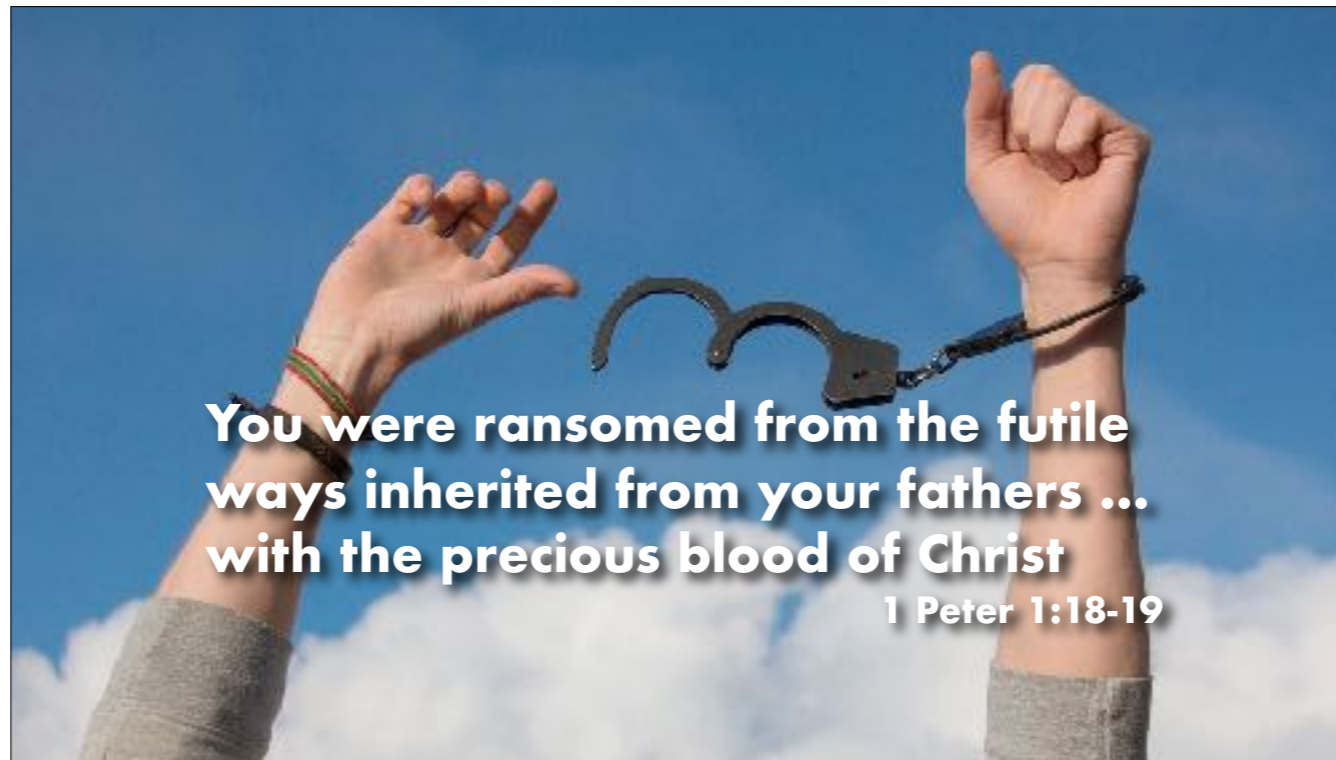
- Visited
  - After raising son of the widow from Nain
  - Luke 7:16 (ESV Strong's) 16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"



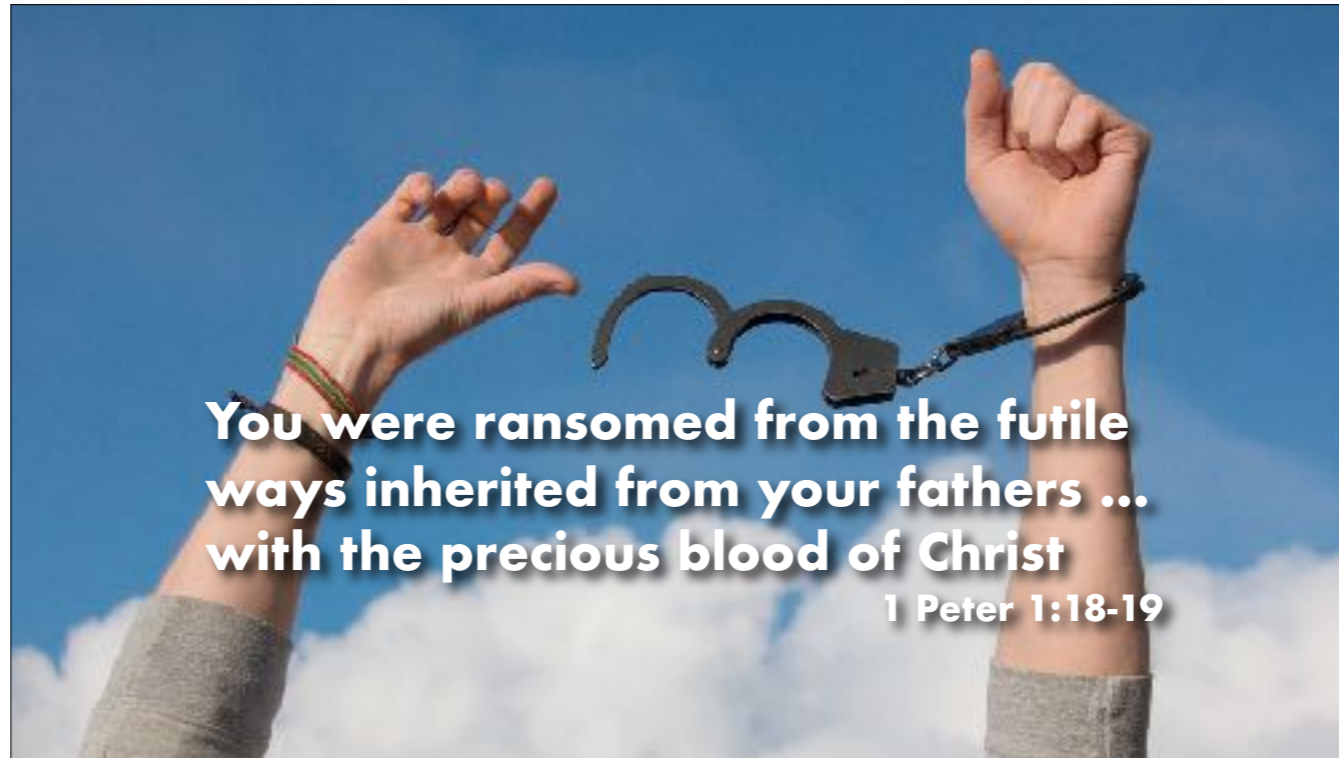
- Hebrews 2:5-18

- 6 It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you **care** for him?”
- 10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, **in bringing many sons to glory**, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.
- 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

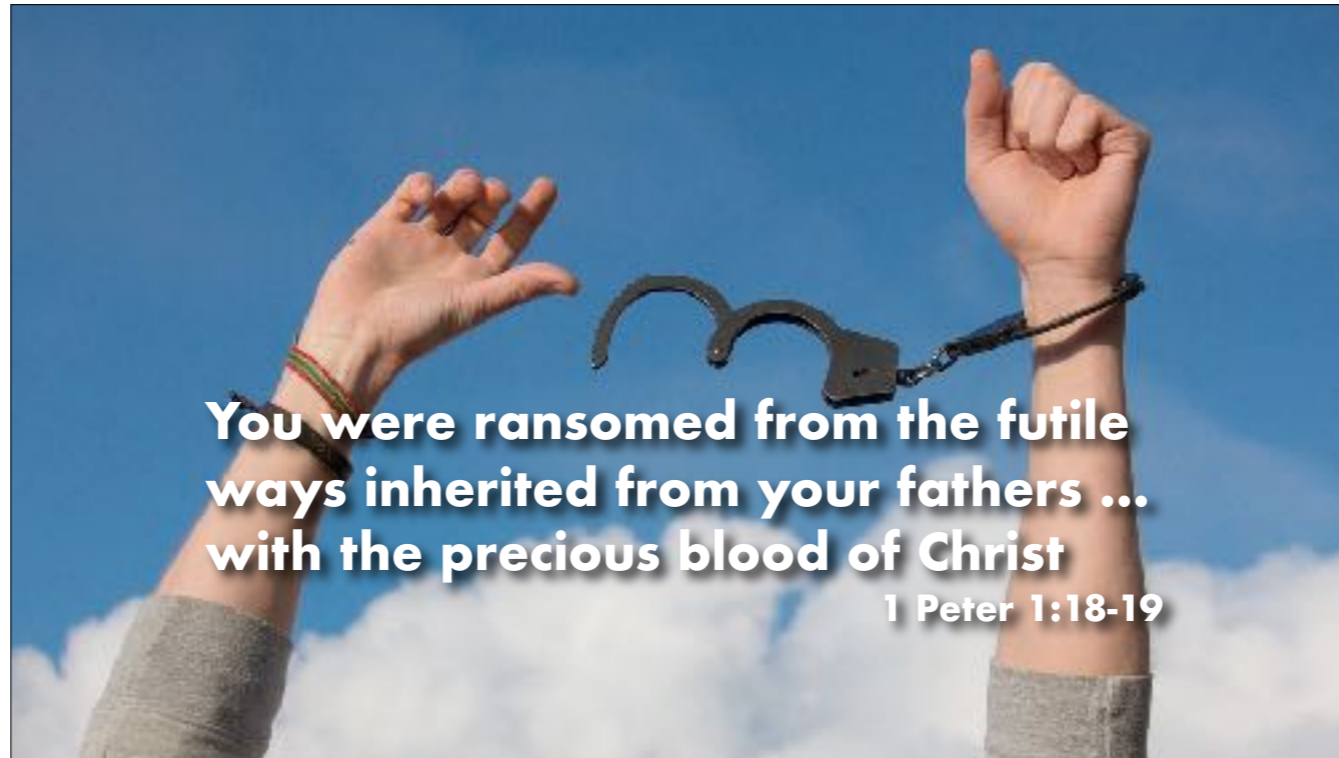




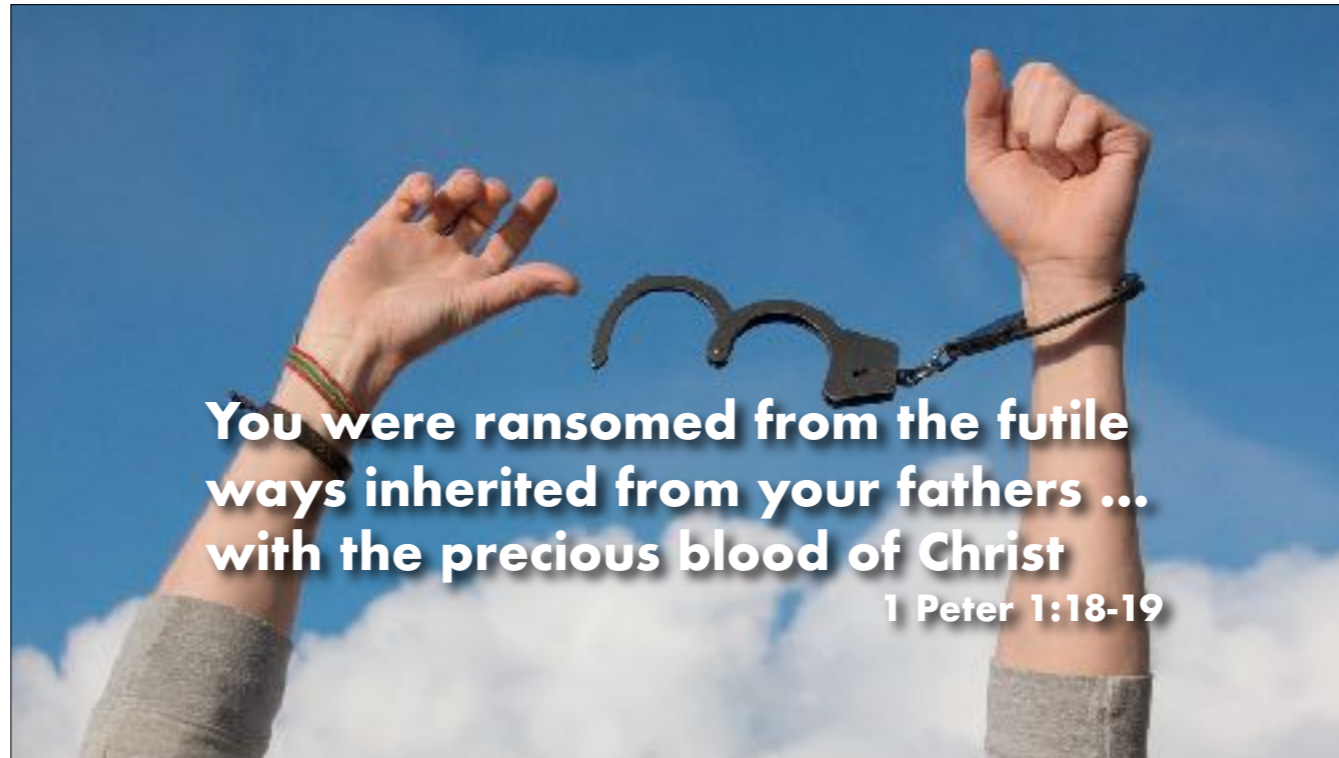
- 1 Peter 1:13-21 (ESV) 13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” 17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.



- Grace at revelation of Jesus Christ
  - Father judges impartially
    - each one's deeds
  - not conformed to
    - passions of former ignorance
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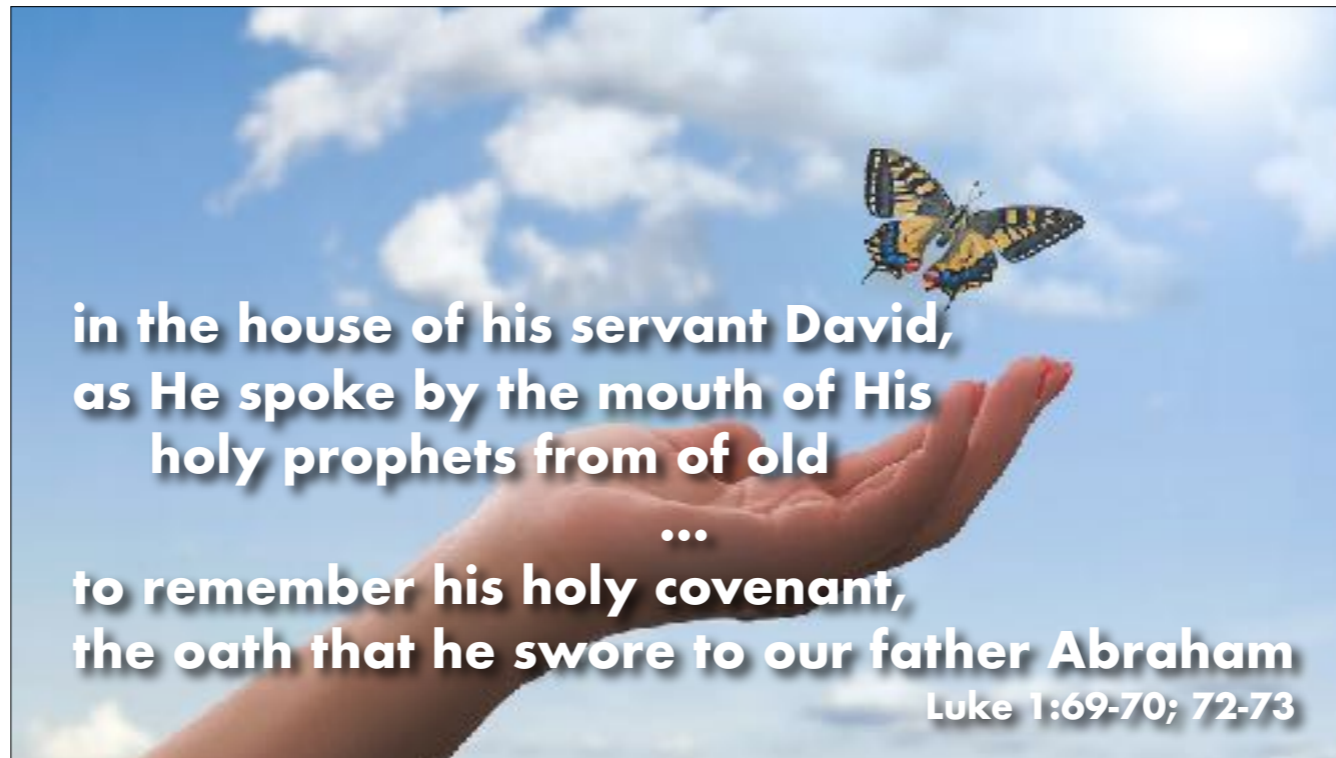
- Ransomed
  - precious blood of Christ
    - lamb without blemish or spot
  - raised from the dead
  - gave Him glory



- Obedient children
  - Be holy in all your conduct
  - conduct yourselves with fear
  - Believers in God
    - Faith in God
    - Hope in God
      - set your hope fully on grace
  - Preparing minds for action
  - Soberminded

**Praising God for  
Promises Kept**





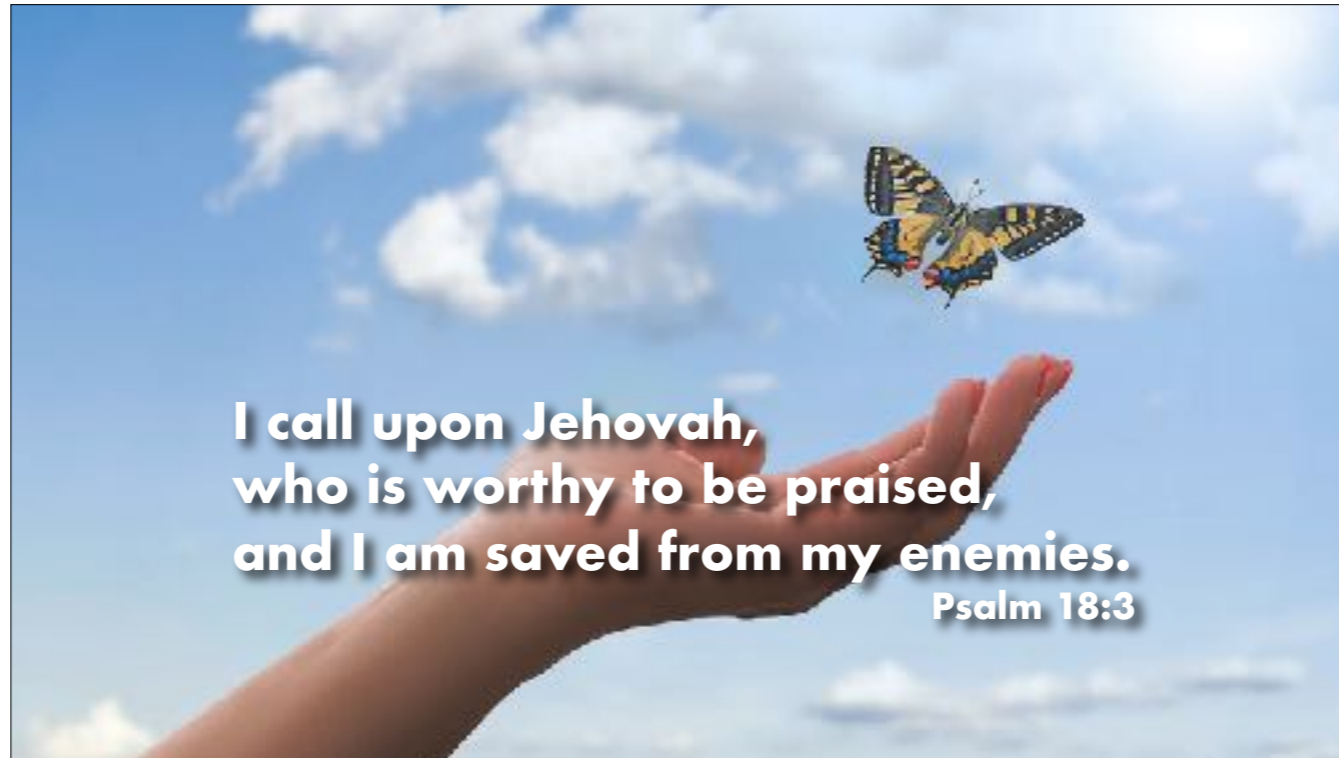
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**Luke 1:69-70; 72-73**

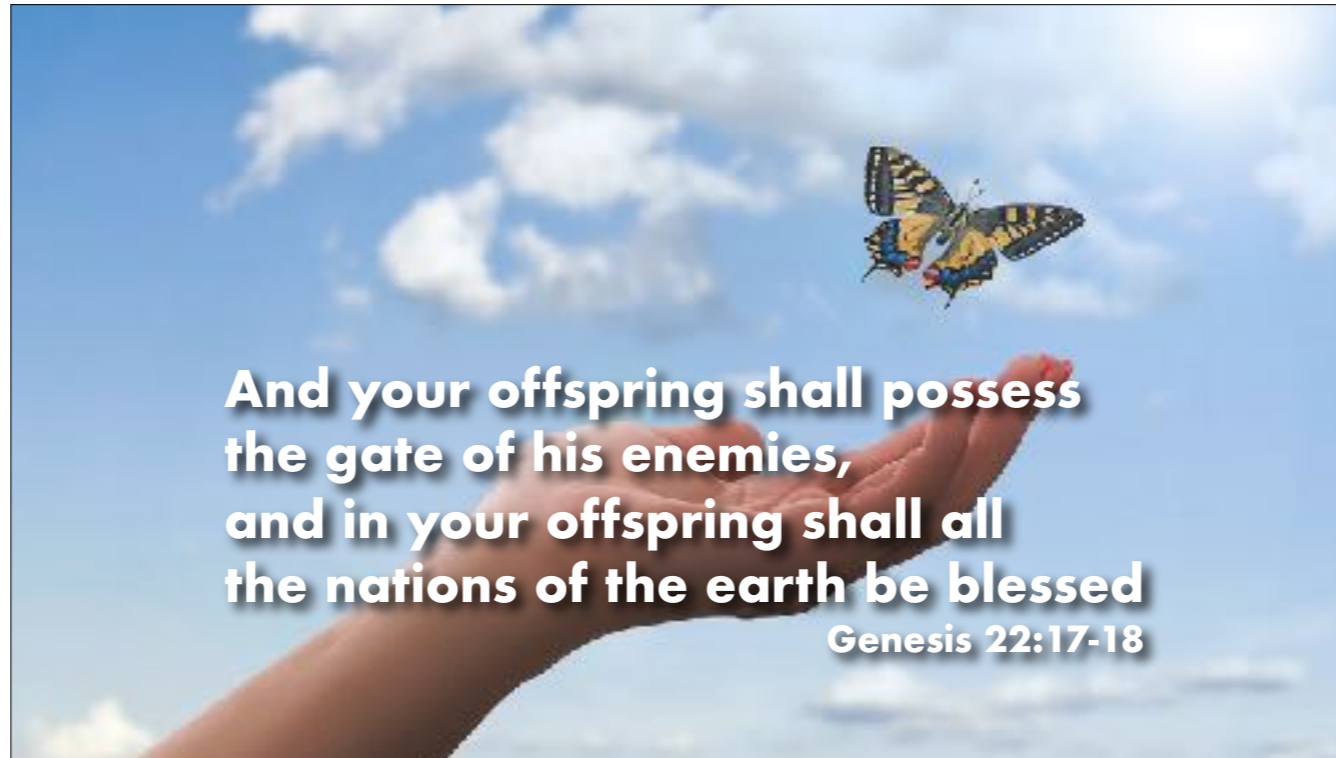
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  - and to remember his holy covenant,
    - 73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
  - 74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
    - might serve him without fear,
    - 75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.



**I call upon Jehovah,  
who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.**

**Psalm 18:3**

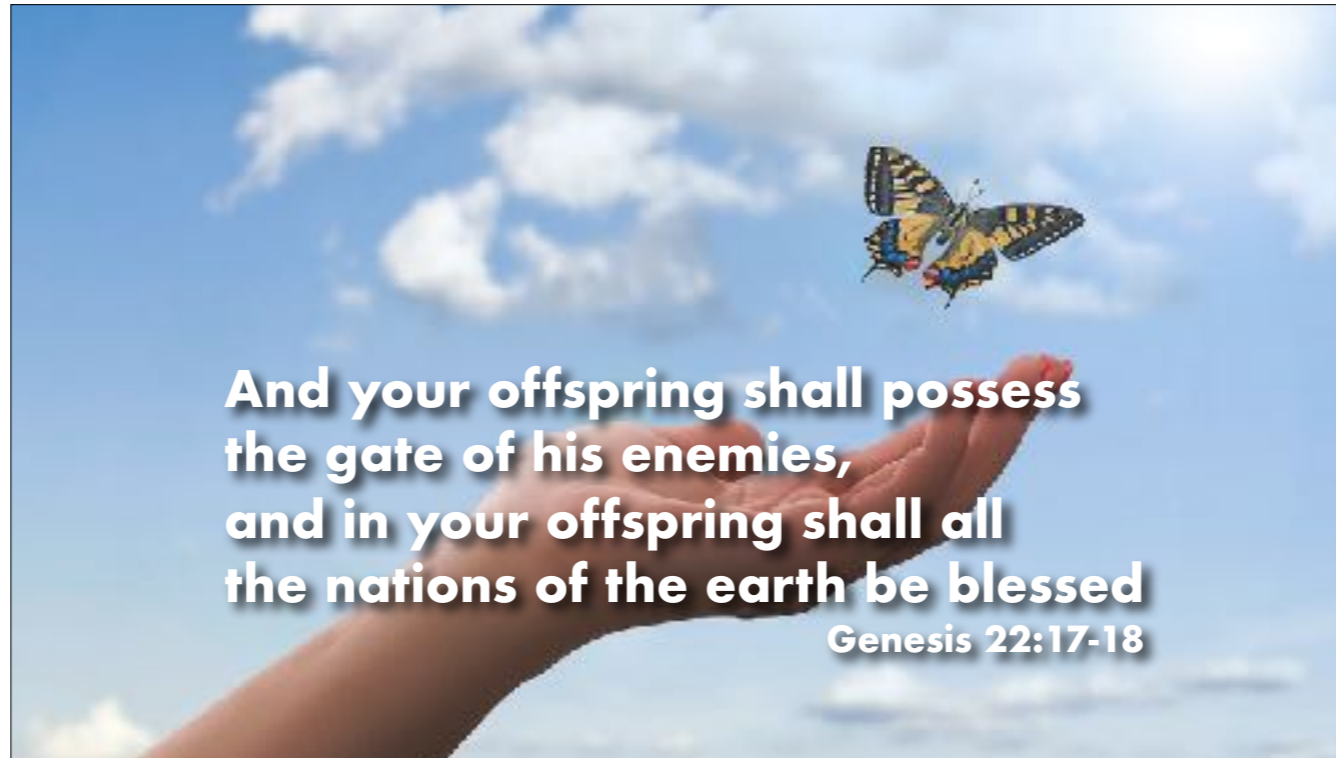
- Prophecy: David
  - Save from enemies
  - Mercy promised
- Psalms 18:1-3 (ESV) 1 I love you, O Jehovah, my strength. 2 Jehovah is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I call upon Jehovah, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.



**And your offspring shall possess  
the gate of his enemies,  
and in your offspring shall all  
the nations of the earth be blessed**  
Genesis 22:17-18

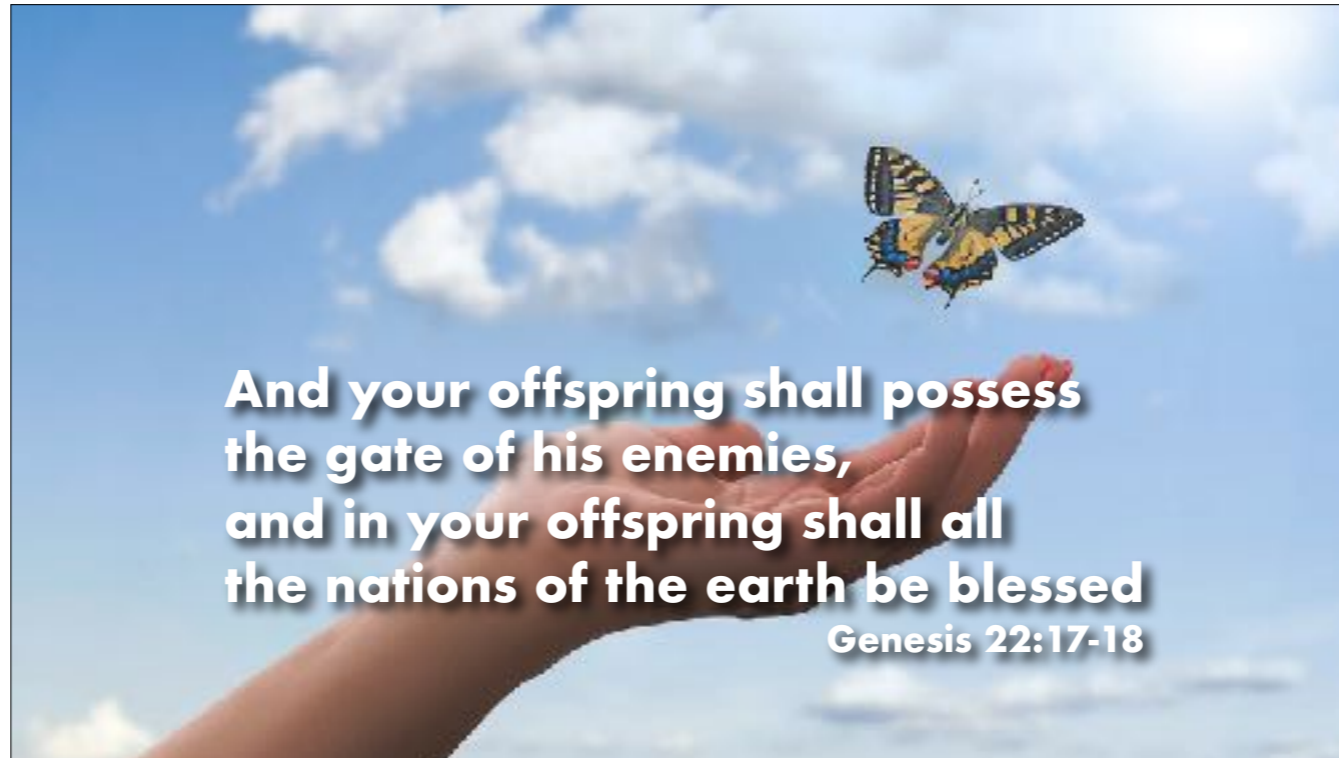
- Covenant: Abraham
- Genesis 22:15-18 (ESV) 15 And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”





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- Hebrews 6:13-15 (ESV) 13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, 14 saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” 15 And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.



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- Covenant: Abraham
  - Serve Him
  - Fear
  - Holiness
  - Righteousness



- Praising God for Guiding Light



**Whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
To give light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
To guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Luke 1:78-79**

- Guiding Light
  - 78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
  - whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
  - 79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
  - to guide our feet into the way of peace.”



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- Sunrise: Jesus!
- Why we need light:
  - sit in darkness
  - shadow of death



- Isaiah's prophecy

- Isaiah 9:1-2 (ESV) 1 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
- Isaiah 9:6 (ESV) 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



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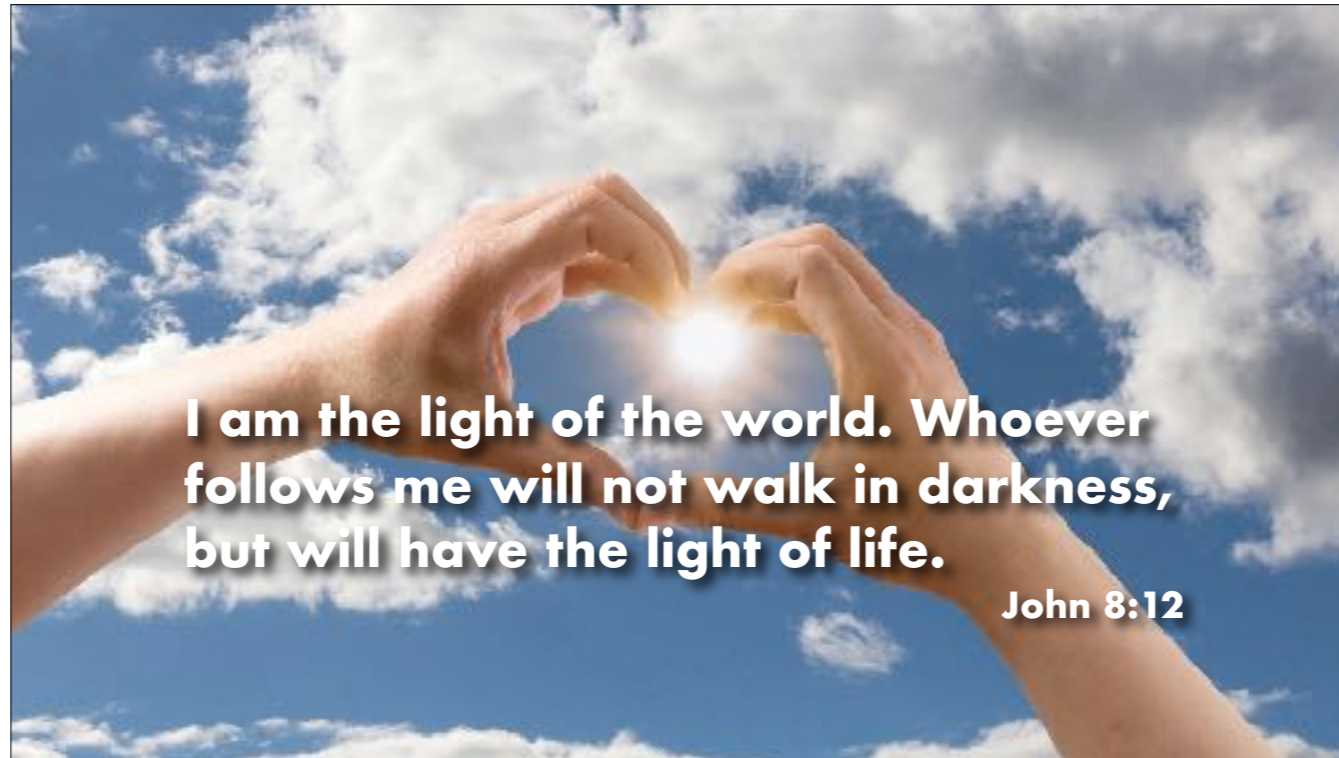
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- Light; Guide — Way of Peace
- John 8:12 (ESV) 12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
- John 12:35-36 (ESV) 35 So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

**Praise God!**

**Deliverance**

**Promises Kept**

**Guiding Light**



- Praise God:
  - Like Zechariah we should no longer be silent.
- Deliverance/Salvation
  - Personal
  - Evangelism
- Promises Kept
  - Salvation (trust & hope)
  - Faithfulness in life and death
- Guiding Light
  - Jesus and His Word
  - Obey

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

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Synopsis: Zechariah sang a song at the birth of his son, John. We can learn the importance of praising God: for deliverance, for promises kept, and for guiding light.

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**“Let all that you do be done with love.”**