

Zechariah Praises God – Luke 1:67-79

⁶⁷ Then Zechariah, John's father, was filled with the Holy Spirit and told the people a message from God:

⁶⁸ "Praise to the Lord God of Israel. He has come to help his people and has given them freedom.

⁶⁹ He has given us a powerful Saviour from the family of his servant David.

⁷⁰ This is what He promised through his holy prophets long ago.

⁷¹ He will save us from our enemies and from the power of all those who hate us.

⁷² God said He would show mercy to our fathers, and He remembered his holy agreement.

⁷³ This was the promise He made to our father Abraham,

⁷⁴ a promise to free us from the power of our enemies, so that we could serve him without fear

⁷⁵ in a way that is holy and right for as long as we live.

⁷⁶ "Now you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God.

You will go first before the Lord to prepare the way for Him.

⁷⁷ You will make his people understand that they will be saved by having their sins forgiven.

⁷⁸ "With the loving mercy of our God,
a new day from Heaven will shine on us.

⁷⁹ It will bring light to those who live in darkness, in the fear of death.
It will guide us into the way that brings peace."