



**DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?
ZECHARIAH'S SONG | LUKE 1:57-79**

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*"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
because of the tender mercy of our God,
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 1:57–79



God is too good to not trust and believe.

This Christmas, let obedience, not expectations, control the season.

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This Christmas, expect God to do what only He can do.

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- He immediately blesses God.
- Holy awe comes over the neighbors.
- The news spreads: miracles.

For nothing will be impossible for God. – Luke 1:37

This Christmas, saturate your life with the Word of God.

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The Davidic Covenant:

And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever. – 2 Samuel 7:16

The Abrahamic Covenant:

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. – Genesis 12:2

The New Covenant:

The New Covenant is God's promise to bring full forgiveness, transformation, and eternal relationship with His people through the saving work of Jesus Christ.

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. – Jeremiah 31:31–34

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." – John 8:31–32

- Scripture comes to mind throughout the day.
- The Lord gives you Scripture to share with someone.
- Scripture keeps you from sin when temptation comes.

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