

ZACHARIAH'S SONG

Scripture: Luke 1:68-79

Friday, December 7, 2018

Luke 1:78, Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us.

The dawn of a new day. As I write this devotional the day is just beginning. I see the dark of night becoming gradually lighter and brighter. In October 2017, I was on the beach in Maine watching the sunrise. There were other people around. Some dog walkers, a lone fisher at the edge of the water. A flock of geese flew over with the sunrise silhouetting them as they headed south. As the sun continued to rise I was keenly aware of the presence of God around me. It is always a comfort to know God is with me and His love surrounds me.

Are we in a darkness that seems to overwhelm us? Can we see the light or feel the hope of a new day? There is comfort in the scriptures. God reaches out to us to give us His promises, guidance and truth. During this time of Advent I invite you to spend time in the scriptures, prayer and meditation. God is present and He will show you the light. That light is His Son Jesus Christ. Sometimes the people we hold in high esteem will let us down but if we look to the One who has come to pay the price for our salvation, we will never be disappointed.

Zachariah was quoting from Psalms and declaring the arrival of his son. He named his son, John as instructed by the angel. John the Baptist was born to prepare the way for the coming Messiah. Zachariah was filled with the light of God and was singing praise to God for all his blessings. Zachariah had been struck mute since he had questioned the angel Gabriel about the impending birth of his son in Elizabeth's and his advanced age. This scripture from Luke was the first time Zachariah was able to speak since he doubted the angel. But what a mighty testimony of hope and the way to peace he gives to his friends and family as the Holy Spirit speaks through him.

Prayer: God of all creation, help us see You in the mighty acts of each new dawn! Thank you for the Word, for Your Son and for Your Spirit among us. Teach us to respond to Your guidance for our lives. Amen

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