

God wants to equip
Mothers and Fathers
with a perfective word to
pass on

Luke 1: 62-80 (NKJV)

⁵² So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called.

⁵³ And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” So they all marveled.

⁵⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue *loosed*, and he spoke, praising God. ⁵⁵ Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. ⁵⁶ And all those who heard *them* kept *them* in their hearts, saying, “What kind of child will this be?” And the hand of the Lord was with him.

Zacharias' Prophecy

⁵⁷ Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

⁵⁸ “Blessed *is* the Lord God of Israel,

For He has visited and redeemed His people,

⁵⁹ 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,
Who *have been* since the world began,

⁷¹ That we should be saved from our enemies

And from the hand of all who hate us,

⁷² To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers

And to remember His holy covenant,

⁷³ The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ To grant us that we,

Being delivered from the hand of our enemies,

Might serve Him without fear,

⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

⁷⁶ “And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest;

For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare

His ways,

⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation to His people

By the remission of their sins,

⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God,

With which the Dayspring from on high has visited^[a]
us;

⁷⁹ To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,

To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

⁸⁰ So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Matthew 1: 18-25 (NKJV)

Christ Born of Mary

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, ²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. ^[a] And he called His name JESUS.