

LUKE 05

Luke 1:57-80 - The Benedictus - Zechariah's song

*68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and **redeemed them**.
69 He has raised up a **horn of salvation** for us
in the house of his servant David
77 You will preach to his people the revelation of salvation life,
the **cancellation of all our sins**, to bring us back to God.
78 The splendour light of **heaven's glorious sunrise**
is about to break upon us in holy visitation,
all because the merciful heart of our God is so very tender.*

There is tremendous power in the songs we sing as the truth infused in the songs changes our very lives. Through the Benedictus we see how after 9 months of silence Zechariah bursts forth in praise of who God is, what He has done, what that means for us and how we can live in light of it.

Four truths we learn from this song:

- 1. God redeemed us** - Jesus came so that we can know what it truly means to be set free, illustrated by the white stones. (*Rev 2:17*)
- 2. Horn of our salvation** - The horn of salvation is a symbol of the great victory won by Jesus. As a horn has the full power & strength of the bull behind the horn we have the full power & strength of God on our side behind the horn of salvation. (*Eph 1:19-20*)
- 3. Cancelled our debt** - God is the great accountant that has cancelled our debts to bring us back into an unburdened relationship with God. (*Rom 8:1*)
- 4. Heaven's glorious sunrise** - Jesus' victory means that we can live, now, in the dawning of heaven's glorious sunrise with all the potential and wonder that the dawning of a new day represents.

Zechariah's song is undoubtedly one of the greatest songs in History:

1. What are the songs you sing in times of struggle, time of success?
2. How can we make these songs more a part of our daily lives?