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Something Renewed

Luke 1:62-80 ⁶²Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. ⁶³He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. ⁶⁶Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him. ⁶⁷His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: ⁶⁸"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. ⁶⁹He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), ⁷¹salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us-- ⁷²to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath he swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, ⁷⁷to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven ⁷⁹to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." ⁸⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel. (NIV 84)

I. Zechariah's first prophecies are about the coming Messiah.

- A. Both prophecies were inspired by the Holy Spirit. V. 67
- B. The Messiah would be God, Himself, coming and redeeming His people. V. 68
- C. The Messiah would be powerful and would bring salvation. V. 69
- D. The Messiah would be from the house of David. This couldn't be referring to John the Baptist because he was from the line of Levi.
- E. The Messiah would bring permanent salvation for those who were in a holy covenant with God. V. 71-75
- F. He will be called the Rising Sun and will come directly from heaven. V. 78-79

II. Then Zechariah prophesies about his son, John the Baptist.

- A. He will be a prophet of the Most High. V. 76
- B. He will prepare the way for the Messiah. V. 76
- C. He will proclaim to the people the coming Messiah. V. 77

III. What can we take away from this?

- A. We have a permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Prophecy over your children, grandchildren.
- B. It is important that we stop looking for messiahs. We have the only one that we need!
- C. Peace with God, peace with others, and peace with our selves is a birthright of being saved by the Messiah. We need to live within this peace.