

Jesus

Part 2

Luke 1:5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

⁶ They were **both** righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.

^{Vs5} GOD ordains who and when leaders will sit in power! It is utter nonsense to believe that GOD has lost this ability because the structure of human government has changed to a democracy. Our participation in choosing our leaders provides a place of judgment upon OUR lives if we knowingly choose a leader that opposes every principle that is clearly defined in GOD's Word. But our joint HUMAN efforts will never place a person in leadership over us that will disrupt or delay the plan that GOD has for the nations.

Luke 1:6

“BOTH” a unity pursuing after GOD! Those who are pleasing to the LORD are not perfect. Zacharias had to accept the conditions that life presented. GOD controls who will have children and when they are to be born. Also GOD speaks to the parents and will make them aware of what He is doing in special children.

We see Zacharias faults. Possession of faults is no reason for GOD to reject using you.

^{VS 6} The order of the words in Greek provide us with a different concentration.

YLT Luke 1:6 and they were both righteous before God, going on in all the commands and righteousness of the Lord blameless,

“Blameless” ἄμεμπτοι blamelessly g0273

Found in LXX

*Gen. 17:1;

Job 1:1, * 8; *2:3; 4:17; 9:20; 11:4; 12:4; 15:14; 22:3, 19; 33:9;

Greek N.T

Lk. 1:6;

Phil. 2:15; 3:6;

1 Thess. 3:13;

Heb. 8:7

Blameless Study

Genesis 17:1 Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be ^{LXX Present Imperative} blameless.

Job 1:8 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

Job 2:3 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause."

Philippians 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out ^(Present Middle Imperative) your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.
¹⁴ Do ^(Present Imperative) all things without grumbling or disputing; ¹⁵ so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse ^(Perfect Passive Participle) generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

Genesis 17:1 “BE” ^{LXX} Present Imperative (also in Hebrew)

Job 1:8 My servant upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

Job 2:3 Job holds fast his integrity, when everything indicated that GOD was against him to ruin him without cause.

Philippians 2:12 Obeyed when you sense GOD and Obeying when you have NO awareness of GOD's Presence!

work out ^(Present Middle Imperative)

Vs 14 Do ^(Present Imperative) with No grumbling or disputing ^(in a negative sense *doubt, dispute, argument*)

Vs 15 perverse ^(Perfect Passive Participle)

Vs 16 Holding fast : a mental processes *to fix attention on, observe, take note of* (LU 14.7); (b) of a constant state of readiness *be alert for, watch out for* (1T 4.16); (c) of additional time spent in a place *delay, stay on*

Paul's Testimony

NAU Philippians 3:1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice (Present Imperative) in the Lord. To write the same things *again* is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

² Beware (Present Imperative) of the dogs, beware (Present Imperative) of the evil workers, beware (Present Imperative) of the false circumcision; (Lit *mutilation*) ³ for we (Emphatic) are the ~~the~~ circumcision, who (Emphatic) worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence (Perfect Participle with negative) in the flesh, ⁴ although I (Emphatic) myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence (Perfect Infinitive) in the flesh, I (Emphatic) far more: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

⁷ But whatever things (Emphatic) were gain to me, those things I have counted (Perfect Middle) as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish (dung or worst) so that I may gain Christ, ⁹ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from ~~the~~ Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, (Greek has THE faith) ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; ¹¹ in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Vs 3:1 rejoice (Present Imperative)

Vs 2 Note 3Xs Beware (Present Imperative) false circumcision; (Lit *mutilation*)

Vs3 we (Emphatic) who (Emphatic) put no confidence (Perfect Participle with negative) in the flesh,

Vs 4 I (Emphatic) to put confidence (Perfect Infinitive) in the flesh, I (Emphatic)

Vs7 whatever things (Emphatic)
Note 3Xs - I have counted (Perfect Middle)

⁸ I count
count them
but rubbish (dung or worst The ½ eaten body found at sea)

Philippians 3:12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect,^{((Perfect Passive))} but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.¹³ Brethren, I^(Emphatic) do not regard myself as having laid hold^(Perfect Active) of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as are perfect,^(Mature, Complete) have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different^(heteros) attitude, God will reveal that also to you;¹⁶ however, let us keep living by that same *standard* to which we have attained.

¹⁷ Brethren, join^(Present Imperative) in following my example, and observe^(Present Imperative) those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

¹ Thessalonians 3:11 Now may our God and Father Himself^(Emphatic) and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you;¹² and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also *do* for you;¹³ so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

Vs12 become perfect,^{((Perfect Passive))}

Vs 13 Brethren, I^(Emphatic) having laid hold^(Perfect Active)

¹⁵ perfect,^(Mature, Complete) different^(heteros), 2 Greek words - Allos expresses a numerical difference and denotes “another of the same sort”; heteros expresses a qualitative difference and denotes “another of a different sort.”

“GOD will reveal” – He does not need our help!

Vs 17 join^(Present Imperative) observe^(Present Imperative)

3:11 Himself^(Emphatic)

Vs13 without blame in holiness
This is the last time the term is used in the N.T.

**Now that we understand the term
“Blameless”
we can resume the study on the
Character of those GOD chose to
use at His 1st coming!**

Luke 1:7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.

⁸ Now it happened *that* while he was performing his priestly service before God in the *appointed* order of his division,

⁹ according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering.

¹¹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.

¹² Zacharias was troubled when he saw *the angel*, and fear gripped him.

¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid,^(Present Imperative with a Negative) Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.

Vs ⁷ Advanced in years - clearly GOD waited to use them that THIS child would be noticed because of the circumstances that accompanied his birth.

Vs ⁸ GOD needs no preliminary activity on our part to visit us! He was about his tasks. Seeing his response to the angel reveals that he had no extraordinary faith.

Vs ⁹ Here we see the hidden hand of GOD in the apparent random events that surrounds us. All delays and opportunities are under the Sovereign Will of GOD.

Vs ¹⁰ Those around us at any given time is also under the hand of GOD. We are never outside of GOD's watchful care. There is always a larger reality that surrounds us that is hidden from our understanding.

Vs ¹¹ Details in our encounters with GOD should be noted. Offering incenses is a visible display of the prayers of GOD's children. The most valuable possession we have is time! We offer it to our idols and lusts. Noting how you spend your time clearly reveals what you value.

Vs ¹² Remember this is a person who is blameless actively engaged in his duty.

Vs ¹³ Present Imperative with the negative. "Stop being afraid" or "Stop fearing"

Note that he was praying for his wife. Details were to be followed and not changed! If GOD cannot trust us to follow His instructions why should we feel overlooked when GOD uses others who will obey Him. The military will never be able to use a person that fails to follow simple instructions. So how can we expect GOD to use us when we are in open rebellion to a clear communication from GOD in His Word or revelation.

Luke 1:14 "You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

Vs. 14 The outcome of obedience is gladness and joy!
The gladness and joy WILL affect others!

If we fail to see others touched by our life of gladness and joy we should seek GOD's counsel if there is an area of obedience that must be addressed.
We will never draw others into GOD's Presence without our lives possessing true GOD given joy and gladness!

¹⁵ "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no ^(Double Negation) wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb.

Vs 15 "he will be great in the sight of the Lord" Here is a statement that we should stop and take notice !

Such a life should be studied and reflected on.

Wow, he would be Great in the presence of the LORD!

A double negative is used with wine and liquor!

¹⁶ "And he ^(Emphatic) will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God.

Vs 16 Emphatic "He"

The work that GOD entrusts to us is empowered and completed by His power!

We must yield to Him in the confident assurance that GOD is working all things together and He is in complete control!

We are NEVER to measure GOD's pleasure by our labor for Him GOD is not keeping a score card where we will pass or fail.

¹⁷ "It is he ^(Emphatic) who will go ~~as a~~ *forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Vs 17 "It is HE (Emphatic)"

The ministry of this child is revealed. John will walk away from Marriage and the Priesthood. Totally leaving the support of the Priesthood and in ways that are hidden to us, he will cause many to turn because of his message, lifestyle and his unusual birth. He never married and his work and ministry was never focused on pleasing men.

It is clearly stated that he will be empowered by the spirit of Elijah. The change would not

be an external change. It would reach the HEARTS! Then the actions follow the changes in the heart.

(JFB) to make ready, etc.--more clearly, "to make ready for the Lord a prepared people," to have in readiness a people prepared to welcome Him. Such preparation requires, in every age and every soul, an operation corresponding to the Baptist's ministry.

(NASB Strong's (Lockman)) the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous,

This points to replacing rebellion with obedience

Luke 1:18 Zacharias said to the angel, "How will I ^(Emphatic) know this ~~for-certain~~? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years."

¹⁹ The angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who ^("The One" Emphatic) stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

²⁰ "And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time."

²¹ The people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple.

²² But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he kept making signs to them, and remained mute.

²³ When the days of his priestly service were ended, he went back home.

Vs 18 The "I" is Emphatic in his response. As he proceeds to inform the Angel of their physical condition! GOD knows full our condition when He calls us! He can and will supply all we need to finish our calling.

Vs 19

The Angel responded with the GREAT "I AM" Gabriel "THE ONE" Emphatic who stands in the presence of GOD

Vs 20 The judgment here is pointed! His words had no faith in the presence of an angelic encounter ordained by GOD, such responses were permanently corrected after his judgment.

Vs 22 GOD made the other priest aware of a divine encounter - they must wait to learn the details.

Vs 23

He had to serve the LORD in silence, and the other priests that saw him knew that this condition was a move of GOD. It was a clear that GOD judges unbelief.

Luke 1:24 After these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant, and she kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying,

²⁵ "This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked *with favor* upon *me*, to take away my disgrace among men."

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants (Lit. House) of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸ And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one!" (Perfect Passive Participle) The Lord ~~is~~ with you."

Vs ²⁶ In the Fullness of time! The forerunner was in place. John would be born and His walking away from the Priesthood would be accepted by many because of the visitation in the temple. Now Mary would learn of the plan for her life and the condition of Elizabeth that she tried to hide was made known to her by the LORD.

Joseph, of the descendants (Lit. House) of David

The term that the Holy Spirit had Luke use is in Keeping with the statement in ^{Genesis 3:15}

The "seed was to be "HER SEED" זרעָ noun common masculine singular construct suffix 3rd person feminine singular

Vs ²⁸ "Favored one" Perfect Passive Participle

Lenski's As the perfect participle in the address refers to a very special gift of grace, so the assurance: "The Lord is with thee!" refers to far more than to his ordinary helpful presence. The fact that a godly Jewess enjoyed Yahweh's grace (ὁ Κύριος as before) and helpful presence needed no angelic announcement. Far more is meant here. By becoming the virgin mother of God's Son, Mary would most certainly need the fullest protection on the part of God. How could she defend herself against slander, and how could she protect her babe from murderous hands? So in advance, before Mary is further enlightened, the assurance of the Lord's presence, help, and protection is given to her. The Greek may omit the copula when it is in the present tense, but not when the tense is past, future, perfect, or when the mode is not the indicative. Hence "the Lord with thee" is not a wish but the statement of a great fact. The two go together: inasmuch as Mary is favored with this special grace the Lord's helpful presence is with her in that special degree.

Luke 1:29 But she ^(Emphatic) was very perplexed at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this ^(Emphatic) was.

³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, ^(Present Imperative with a negation) Mary; for you have found favor with God.

³¹ "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you ^ashall name Him Jesus.

³² "He ^(Emphatic) will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this ^(Emphatic) be, since I am a virgin?"

Vs 29 Two Emphatics "SHE" [Emphatic] "THIS" [Emphatic] was

Vs 30 Do not fear = Present Imperative plus negative. "Stop fearing"! These words make us aware that fear may accompany a visitation from the LORD in our hearts.

Vs 31 Again the prediction is certain! "You will" GOD does not speak in uncertainties. When GOD has chosen us to be apart of His Majestic plan we will see His word come to past.

Vs 32 "He ^(Emphatic)

Vs 33 He will reign & and His kingdom will have no end !The two statements together leave no room to question the position that He Jesus will have. "Forever" "Have NO end"

Vs 34 How can this ^(Emphatic) be I am a virgin Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin ^{(עַלְמָה) almah} will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. ^(עִמָּנוּאֵל) Immanuel - 'with us is God')

This Hebrew word is unique and it is used in Genesis 24:43 behold, I am standing by the spring, and may it be that the maiden ^{(עַלְמָה) almah} who comes out to draw, and to whom I say, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar";

A DIFFERENT word is used to describe the SAME woman in Genesis 24:16 The girl was very beautiful, a virgin, ^{(בְּתוּלָה) bethulah - a virgin} and no man had had relations with her; and she went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up.

Luke 1:35 The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

³⁶ "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.

³⁷ "For nothing will be impossible with God."

Vs ³⁶ Elizabeth ["SHE" Emphatic not translated]
"THIS" Emphatic [NOT translated] now the sixth month.

Vs ³⁷ Literal Greek word order
For nothing impossible with GOD all word.
(rhema)

(Robertson's Word Pictures) No word (ouk rhema). Rhema brings out the single item rather than the whole content (logos). So in verse 38.

(Lenski's Commentary on the New Testament) The sense is that nothing that comes from God (παρά) shall be impossible. On this assured fact Mary may rest her faith. The other rendering, "for no word from God shall (will) be void of power"

- Here is the assurance when GOD speaks to someone! What GOD speaks WILL come to pass. If it does not come to pass EXACTLY as GOD spoke it... IT IS NOT FROM GOD!

Luke 1:37

For nothing will be impossible with God."

What a tremendous promise! These were the LAST WORDS spoken to Mary before the angel departed. Her response to these words are insightful for every believer.

Luke 1:38 And Mary said, "Behold, the bondslave ^(Slave) of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.^(Rhema)" And the angel departed from her.

She said " Behold! The 'slave' (Literal Greek) of the LORD. "

Here is her statement of complete surrender. She yielded her will to the LORD! She states "Look, Take notice!" I am the LORD's slave, I am Yours and surrendered to your will!"

What a statement! There is no coercion or request from GOD for her to make this statement! This is her response to the word ^(Rhema) that the LORD had spoken to her.

The second part of her statement places the fulfillment of the promise upon God alone. "may it be done to me according to Your word!"^(Rhema)

"Word" here is the Greek word "rhema" and not "logos".

Rhema is a word that was PERSONALLY stated to the individual. Like Peter being called on the water with Jesus, that was a rhema word for Peter! None of the other disciples ventured out of the boat! The words clearly come from Jesus and they are recorded in the WORD (Logos) of GOD. But they can only be applied to Peter! If you or I were to try and claim these rhema words to Peter for ourselves, our sinking under the waves would clearly reveal to everyone that GOD NEVER SPOKE THEM TO US!

Truly NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD!

GOD may speak profound things to you in the coming days!

Respond to His personal rhema words to you as Mary responded.

"Look, Take notice!" I am the LORD's slave, I am Yours and surrendered to your will!" "May everything be done to me as You have personally spoken, I wait for You to fulfill Your Word ^(Rhema)!"

Luke 1:39 Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah,⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

⁴² And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are you* ^(Emphatic) among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!⁴³ "And how has it *happened* to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me?⁴⁴ "For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.⁴⁵ "And blessed *is she* ^(Emphatic) who believed ^(Participle) that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken ^(Perfect Passive Participle) to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord,

⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.⁴⁸ "For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondsman,^(Slave) For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.⁴⁹ "For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name.

⁵⁰ "AND HIS MERCY IS ¹UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR ^(Participle) HIM.

⁵¹ "He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered *those who were* proud in the thoughts of their heart.

⁵² "He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones, And has exalted those who were humble.⁵³ "HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS; And sent away the rich empty-handed.⁵⁴ "He has given help to Israel His servant, In remembrance of His mercy,

⁵⁵ As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his descendants ^(Seed) forever."

⁵⁶ And Mary stayed with her about three months, and *then* returned to her home.

Vs 41 Here is the unique record of GOD filling with His Spirit when there is no seeking nor request made. The purpose and plan of GOD will be manifested upon those who yield and obey the leading of the LORD!

Vs 42 Blessed are "YOU" (Emphatic)

Vs 45 "And blessed" - "She (Emphatic) believing"
"Believed" Participle [ing]
"Spoken" Perfect Passive Participle"

Vs 48 Slave

Vs 49 What a statement of praise!
The Mighty One - there is none like Him!
Has done great things for me. My life has GOD moving in the midst of the life He has given me.

He is Holy

Vs 50 "Fear" Participle [ing]

Vs 55 descendants ^(Seed) σπέρμα sperma
that which is sown, i.e. seed

* Here is the promise to all the seed (GOD's children) HEAR HIS VOICE!!!

Luke 1:57 Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she gave birth to a son.

⁵⁸ Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had displayed His great mercy toward her; and they were rejoicing with her.

⁵⁹ And it happened that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zacharias, after his father.

⁶⁰ But his mother answered and said, "No indeed; but he shall be called John."

⁶¹ And they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by that name."

⁶² And they made signs to his father, as to what he wanted him called.

⁶³ And he asked for a tablet and wrote as follows, "His name is John." And they were all astonished.

⁶⁴ And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue *loosed*, and he *began* to speak in praise of God.

⁶⁵ Fear came on all those living around them; and all these matters ^(rhema [PI]) were being talked about in all the hill country of Judea.

⁶⁶ All who heard them kept them in mind, saying, "What then will this ^(Emphatic) child *turn out to be*?" For the hand of the Lord was certainly with him.

Vs 57 There is a time of fulfillment that GOD has ordained! We must wait patiently for GOD's time!

Vs 59 Here we see that the naming of the male child took place on the eight (8th) day

Vs 63 It is fitting that GOD did not allow Zacharias to speak until GOD's Word to him was written down never to be lost in the hearing and forgetful memories of men. It forever stood written "His name is John"

"John" means
the grace or mercy of the LORD

Vs 65-66 these matters ^(rhema [PI])
GOD had used Zacharias' doubts to gather others into His plan that John was to be watched as GOD had a plan for this young lad.

Vs 66 "THIS" is Emphatic
GOD had made the priesthood aware of HIS movement among them. THIS child had a purpose in the plan of GOD!

Luke 1:67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

⁶⁸ "Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,

⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant--

⁷⁰ As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old--

⁷¹ Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES, And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;

⁷² To show mercy toward our fathers, And to remember His holy covenant,

⁷³ The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,

⁷⁴ To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear,

⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

⁷⁶ "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS;

⁷⁷ To give to His people ~~the~~ knowledge of salvation By ^(Greek is "in") the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us,

⁷⁹ TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

⁸⁰ And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

^{Vs 68} These words state the reality that GOD had visited and accomplished the final redemption of His people! This was pronounced to those in the Priesthood.

^{Vs 69} "Horn of my salvation"

Psalm 18:2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

And I am saved from my enemies.

**We are saved from our Enemies
to serve Him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness
before Him
all our days.**

PREPARE HIS WAYS;
Giving to His people *the* knowledge of
salvation
By IN the forgiveness of their sins,

"BY" is "IN"

Lenski:

When ἐν is taken in its native sense, the matter becomes clear: we have the knowledge of salvation in only one way, "in connection with the remission of our sins," i. e., when this remission is ours. The remission is an objective act on the part of God, and from it there results the subjective knowledge of having been saved. In order to have the knowledge we have to receive the remission. No man whose sins are not remitted can possibly know what salvation is.

Jesus

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