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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Luke 1:76-79 “And 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, to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.” (NIV)

These are part of the words of what is known as Zechariah’s Song found in Luke 1. The father of John the Baptist was so full of joy that the Lord had chosen to give he and his wife a son so late in life. And that he would be the one who would go out and prepare the way for the Lord. In this beautiful song of praise, Zechariah also for told the gospel of Jesus. He would come to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins. This was a new word and fulfillment of many Old Testament prophesies. God’s mercy would be poured out through the Messiah, and John the Baptist would go forward proclaiming the coming of the Christ. Now we know that Christmas was the birth of our Savior, but now we will witness the proclamation of Him before His people.

Zechariah then proclaims that this salvation through the Messiah will bring light into a darkened world. It will set the captives free. It will bring peace in the midst of a storm. And that is certainly what the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus has brought to us. We were not only born of our mother; we were born spiritually through salvation by faith with the filling of God’s own Spirit.

Dear LORD, we exalt You and glorify Your name for what You have done for us. You have made a way for us and given us Your peace. Lord guide us today and every day. In Jesus Name, Amen