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Zacharias 08 Praise- New Covenant Luke 1:77-79

Luke 1:67-80, *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 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."*

We can divide Zachariah's praise then into those three parts.

Fulfilment of the Davidic Covenant,
Fulfilment of the Abrahamic Covenant, and
Fulfilment of the New Covenant.

All these three covenants are what we would call salvation covenants, / saving covenants.

These covenants have to do with blessings that come by salvation.

No one will experience the fullness of the Davidic Covenant apart from salvation. Everyone who is saved will participate to one degree or another in the fulfilment of the Davidic Covenant.

No one will enter the full blessing of the Abrahamic Covenant apart from salvation and all who believe will to some degree enter into the fullness of the promises and blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant.

No one will either experience the Davidic Covenant or the Abrahamic Covenant if they do not experience the forgiveness of sin provided in the New Covenant.

So, these are covenants which have to do with salvation!

- The Davidic Covenant is universal, insofar as it relates to the universal and eternal rule of Jesus Christ.
 - The Abrahamic Covenant is national, insofar as it deals primarily with promises made by God to Israel for blessing.
 - The New Covenant is personal, in that it deals with how God works for the forgiveness of sin in the life of an individual.
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- ✓ The Davidic Covenant, universal,
 - ✓ The Abrahamic Covenant, national,
 - ✓ The New Covenant, personal.

What was the Davidic Covenant?

The Davidic Covenant was a promise to David by God that a Son would come out of David's loins ultimately who would rule in Israel and would rule over the whole earth and would rule forever.

It was not fulfilled by Solomon. After that the kingdom split and for centuries there has been no real king in Israel. But there will be a king.

God promised a greater son of David, somebody out of the Davidic line with David's blood would come to reign on the throne of Israel. That throne would bring peace and prosperity to Israel, would rule with a rod of iron and His rule would extend over the whole earth.

The Davidic kingdom looked primarily at the rescue of Israel from all the rulers around them and over them so that they would have ruled their own nation and that the Messiah would not only rule Israel but from Israel rule the world.

Zachariah's anticipation was Messiah's almost here, that means the Son of David has arrived, that means the Davidic kingdom is coming soon. Maybe even Zachariah could hang on long enough, though he was an old man, to live to see its inauguration.

He did not have any idea that they would reject the King, they would crucify the King and the kingdom would be postponed and still has not yet come.

Zacharias had a second hope. He knew this too was connected to Messiah and this is Abrahamic Covenant hope. The

Abrahamic Covenant is one of those rock-bed elements to biblical interpretation.

If we understand this then we can get the big picture. There are lots of people who come to church and all they want is a little fix on something in their life. But we are not going to be able to address that today. Some days we do that.

The foundation by which we can understand the whole of redemptive history and it is all bound up in the Abrahamic Covenant.

While essentially the fulfilment of the Davidic Covenant is universal. He will literally rule the world someday and it will be a world of believers and unbelievers during the Millennial Kingdom.

- The Abrahamic Covenant is national.
- The Davidic is universal.

What was the Abrahamic Covenant?

Zachariah was rejoicing because mercy was coming, mercy which God had showed toward their fathers in the promise that He gave, the holy covenant, the oath which He swore to Abraham.

A promise of a land

A great nation

Blessing on that nation.

That was the heart and soul of the Abrahamic Covenant.

The Abrahamic Covenant was basically given in the book of Genesis to Abraham, **Genesis 12:1-7**.

It was reiterated again in chapter 15, reiterated again in Genesis chapter 17 and 22.

This was the promise of profound and far-reaching and permanent blessing on the nation Israel.

God sealed that covenant in Genesis chapter 15. God did something by asking Abram to cut the animals into half and making Abraham to sleep then He walked through it.

God Himself comes like a smoking oven and like a burning lamp and passes through the pieces Himself.

The Abrahamic Covenant was unilateral,

The Abrahamic Covenant was irrevocable.

It was a pledge that God made to Himself. It was not dependent upon Abram. It was God covenanting with Himself, but He ratified it with bloodshed. Interesting that the Abrahamic Covenant was ratified with bloodshed; so was the New Covenant, namely in the blood of Jesus Christ.

New Covenant:

- ✓ The New Covenant is the covenant that brings the forgiveness of sin.
- ✓ The New Covenant is the covenant that brings the personal experience or personal knowledge of salvation.
- ✓ The New Covenant is the covenant that extends God's tender mercy or grace to us.
- ✓ The New Covenant brings the sunrise that shines on our darkness and delivers us from the shadow of death and leads us in the way of peace.

Another covenant that could do two things:

Forgive their sin and
change their heart.

Deuteronomy 29:1, *These are the words of the covenant which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.*

This is a new covenant. This is a covenant which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel to give to the sons of Israel besides the covenant which He made with him at Horeb.

How is it going to happen?

Deuteronomy 30:6, *And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.*

God is going to have a spiritual surgery!

By the time of Jeremiah, they desperately needed a New Covenant. They were in a hopeless situation.

Jeremiah 31:31, *“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—*

What God spoke to them way back in Deuteronomy chapter 30 when their hearts are going to be circumcised.

Jeremiah 31:32-34, *not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says*

the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

I will put My law in your heart.

The word "law" again. Law means Force.

I will put My force within them. I will put My power within them. It will cause them to bend My direction.

When God says, I am going to put My law within them, He's talking about a righteous force in the life of His people.

What we desperately need if we are going to avoid threats?

We need to have two things:

- Forgiveness for our violations,
- A new heart.

Another critical passage in linking this together.

Ezekiel 36:24-28, *For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and*

do them. ²⁸ Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

Two things are going to happen.

- ✓ God is going to forgive all their sin.
- ✓ God is going to give a new heart, force, or law.

The new heart, force, law is nothing but the Holy Spirit.

The indwelling power of the Holy Spirit working with a regenerated spirit.

How this new covenant will be activated?

The old Covenant gives about the future new covenant, but it does not specify how this is going to be activated.

It is the Passover that night, the Last Supper. Jesus is with His disciples, takes the cup of wine after they had eaten.

Luke 22:20, *Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.*

What is it that produces the new heart?

What is it that produces the Spirit coming to dwell in the believer?

What is it that circumcises the heart?

What is it that enables God to write His law on the heart?

The New Covenant made real through the blood of Christ!

- ✓ When you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your only sacrifice,
- ✓ When you acknowledge Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation,
- ✓ When you acknowledge Jesus Christ as the one who bore in His body your sins on the cross,
- ✓ When you acknowledge Jesus Christ as the one who knew no sin but was made sin for you,
- ✓ When you acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Lamb, the sacrificial substitute provided by God who died in your place to bear your sins,
- ✓ When you acknowledge Him as your Saviour and your Lord,

You have met New Covenant conditions.

God in His great grace will circumcise your heart, give you a new heart, write His law on your heart, and plant His Spirit within you.

Until Israel does that they will not and cannot receive the Abrahamic or Davidic blessing.

It is a long time since Zacharias got excited that day, two thousand years. Zacharias probably figured, well, the Messiah will be here in a few months, He's just a few months behind the birth of John, probably they will not engage in ministry until in their late teens or early 20s they might begin their ministry.

Probably about twenty years from the time Zachariah and then all Davidic and Abrahamic promise comes to pass. Twenty years from now, but now we are two thousand years from then and it has not happened.

It will not happen until Israel looked to Jesus.

Zechariah 12:10, *"Looks on Him whom they have pierced and mourns for Him as an only Son."*

Until they see Him as their crucified Messiah, until they see Him as the Lamb of God slain from before the foundation of the world, until they see Him as the One sacrificed forever taking away sin, the One who by the offering of Himself perfected forever those that are sanctified, until they see Him as the spotless, unblemished Lamb who died in their place, there will not be a new heart, there will not be the Spirit planted in them, there will not be the fulfilment of all Old Testament promise.

In the meantime, the New Covenant truth is applied to everyone who believes!

Either Jew or Gentile.

Everybody who has ever been saved has been saved by the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ. Even people way back in the patriarchal time, even Abraham was counted righteous before God because He believed God.

Abraham did not know about Christ, but he believed God and even though Christ had not yet died, God forgave Abraham's sin and imputed Abraham's sins to Christ who would one day die for them and imputed Christ's righteousness to Abraham.

That is why God speaks of the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world. In the purposes of God, the Lamb was slain before anybody was ever created and the application of His death made the first time anybody believed God.

So, all of us have come to the place of having a new heart and the Spirit planted in us and having the law of God written in us, all of us are able to obey the law of God, we are able to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind and strength.

It is not perfect, obviously, because we still have our unredeemed humanness. Our new heart and the Spirit within us and the law of God which we love is still incarcerated in unredeemed humanness and until we get out of that unredeemed humanness, entering into the presence of the Lord and receiving a glorified body in a perfect new body, we will always have the battle but the joy of it is we can win the battle, we can obey the law of God, we can enjoy the promise of blessing.

But the New Covenant had unique application to the people of Israel. We are all New Covenant believers. Everybody who has

ever believed has been saved by the terms of the New Covenant.

By the sacrificial blood atonement of Jesus Christ on the cross. Everybody who has ever been saved through all of history has been saved by the death of Jesus Christ. But the New Covenant as a special pledge to the people of Israel has not been fulfilled because Israel as a nation has not believed. But they will.

- ✓ God made a promise to David that someday he would have a kingdom and he will and that is an irrevocable promise.
- ✓ God made a promise to Abraham, that Israel would have a land, blessing, and they will. That is an irrevocable promise.
- ✓ God made a promise in Deuteronomy to the nation and reiterated again in Jeremiah 31. Someday a fountain of blessing would be open to Israel and they would be cleansed on the inside and their hearts would be circumcised on their hearts. They would receive a new heart and they would be changed on the inside. Everyone will know the Lord because everybody would know Him. That too is an irrevocable promise.

The salvation of Israel, the blessing of Israel and the kingdom of Messiah in Israel are all irrevocable promises made by God. In the meantime, they have spiritual implications. The earthly element of the Davidic kingdom has not come.

Christ is our King. We have inherited the spiritual essence of Davidic promise. He is our Lord and our King. Not only that, the Abrahamic blessing has not come in its earthly features, but we are literally flooded with spiritual blessings.

Ephesians 1:3, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,*

Zacharias, old priest, all he could see was the historic fulfilment. He thought it would come right away.

What comes in the New Covenant?

Grace, a new heart, a new spirit, the indwelling Holy Spirit, the forgiveness of sin, eternal fellowship with God!

Exactly Zacharias understood coming of the Messiah brings the fulfilment of the salvation that is experienced by the forgiveness of sins. This is a personal covenant.

- It cannot come by accumulation of merit.
- It cannot come by works.
- It cannot come by religious activity.

It comes only by God's grace active in justifying the ungodly.

Only when sinners repent of their sin, only when sinners recognize they have violated the law of God, only then when

they come to God in penitence and ask Him for forgiveness and grace and mercy will their sins be forgiven.

Only when they are forgiven will they then have a new heart, a new spirit, indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The promise of all the blessings promised to Abraham and David then come to pass.

That is available to any sinner today anytime.

Someday all Israel will embrace, and all will be saved as per **Romans 11**.

But until that time, anyone can receive New Covenant salvation, the forgiveness of all their sins, a new heart, the law of God written in them, a new spirit, and the indwelling Holy Spirit, redemption, forgiveness, and grace.

Why would God do this?

V 78, *Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;*

Because of God's mercy.

It is the deep-down mercy of God. The reason God offered a New Covenant because there is a deep-seated desire of mercy, and compassion that causes God to show favour to wicked sinners.

Zacharias knew about it. He understood it. He understood the mercy of God, the tender mercy of God.

New Covenant, he describes it as the fulfilment as the sunrise from on high visiting us. The word "sunrise," literally in the Hebrew is "rising."

It is rising from Heaven!

Isaiah 9:2, *The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.*

He's speaking about the dawning of the heavenly Son, the Son of the Most High, the Saviour who is the divine light, who will break into the world's deep darkness and end the soul's night.

Malachi the Old Testament prophet gave the last words of hope and promise.

Malachi 4:2, *But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.*

400 years since then the Sun of righteousness had not arisen and it was darker than it had ever been.

When Zacharias heard that his son was the forerunner to Messiah and that Mary was pregnant with the Messiah, and knew the Messiah was coming, he says the Sunrise from on high shall visit us. He knew exactly what this was. This was the fulfilment spoken through prophet Malachi.

A magnificent designation for the Messiah.

2 Peter 1:19, *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;*

Jesus Himself said about this.

Revelation 22:16, *“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”*

Zacharias sees the coming of Messiah as the promised dawning that would break the darkness of the nation Israel, the darkness of the world, the darkness of sinful hearts. It was a saving visit. Messiah was coming and He would shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

The Bible talks about darkness in two ways, intellectually and morally.

- Intellectually darkness means ignorance.
- Morally darkness means sinfulness.

Man is pictured in moral darkness, intellectual darkness, literally under the shadow of eternal death.

- Darkness is used to describe matters unknown and hidden.
- Darkness is used to describe ignorance and error.
- Darkness is used to describe sin and wickedness and iniquity.
- Darkness is used to describe the presence of Satan.
- Darkness is used to describe hell, which is outer darkness.

The whole world of unconverted people sitting in the depth of darkness and the shadow of death. They are waiting for the light to shine.

As Zacharias anticipates the coming of Messiah, he remembers the words of Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:6-7, *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.*

Zacharias knew that the coming of Messiah was the coming of the light.

Isaiah 42:1-7, *Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. ² He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. ³ A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. ⁴ He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law.” ⁵ Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: ⁶ “I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, ⁷ To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.*

This is the scripture views the coming of Messiah as light as part of the New Covenant.

There is a problem in Israel and the problem is sin.

They have got Davidic promise and Abrahamic promise, it is not being fulfilled.

Why?

Is the Lord impotent?

Isaiah 59:1-2, *Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.*

The Lord's hand is not so short it cannot save?

Does it not understand the problem?

Does He not hear us?

Is His ear so dull it cannot hear?

The problem is not with God.

It is not that God is impotent and it is not that God is indifferent.

The reason Davidic and Abrahamic promise hasn't been fulfilled is not because God can't or doesn't care.

The problem is in their iniquities have made a separation between them and God.

It is not that the Lord is impotent, and it is not that the Lord is indifferent. It is that you are iniquitous.

Isaiah 59:3-8, *For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity. No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. ⁵ They hatch vipers' eggs*

and weave the spider's web; He who eats of their eggs dies, And from that which is crushed a viper breaks out. ⁶ Their webs will not become garments, Nor will they cover themselves with their works; Their works are works of iniquity, And the act of violence is in their hands. ⁷ Their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction are in their paths. ⁸ The way of peace they have not known, And there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace.

This is the problem.

Isaiah 59:9, *Therefore justice is far from us, Nor does righteousness overtake us; We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness!*

We hope for what?

For light.

Isaiah 59:10, *We grope for the wall like the blind, And we grope as if we had no eyes; We stumble at noonday as at twilight; We are as dead men in desolate places.*

To show you how blind we really are, we are like dead men.

It is not that God cannot save. The New Covenant salvation is always available.

It was available in Isaiah's time. It has always been available. If you repent and believe God and trust in Him and ask for forgiveness, He will do that.

It has always been available. The problem is not God. God is not limited to save. It is your iniquities that have created the problem.

Isaiah 59:15, *So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice.*

V15, at the middle of the verse where the paragraph starts.

Isaiah 59:16-21, *He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. ¹⁷For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak. ¹⁸According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. ¹⁹So shall they fear The name of the Lord from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. ²⁰"The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the Lord. ²¹"As for Me," says the Lord, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not*

depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore."

What God did?

He provided an intercessor, according to chapter 53, someone who would intercede for the transgressors, someone who would bear the sins of many. He provided a Saviour.

If you go back to verse 9 and 10 you see the darkness waiting for light, the coming light of the Messiah, is connected to the fulfilment of New Covenant promise.

Isaiah 60:1-2, *Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. ²For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. ³The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴"Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. ⁵Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.*

Zacharias knew all these connections.

They knew the New Covenant was being fulfilled through the coming of Messiah and only by virtue of its being fulfilled could they receive the blessings promised to David and Abraham.

This is the millennial condition.

Israel will be saved and enter the kingdom and the light will be fully shining on them and through them. It will shine all over the world.

It will go on even after the millennial kingdom, that is a thousand-year earthly kingdom.

Isaiah 60:18-21, *Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, Neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; But you shall call your walls Salvation, And your gates Praise. ¹⁹ "The sun shall no longer be your light by day, Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; But the Lord will be to you an everlasting light, And your God your glory. ²⁰ Your sun shall no longer go down, Nor shall your moon withdraw itself; For the Lord will be your everlasting light, And the days of your mourning shall be ended. ²¹ Also your people shall all be righteous; They shall inherit the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.*

This is the eternal kingdom.

According to **Revelation 21 & 22**, the New Jerusalem has no sun, the eternal state has no stars, has no moons, it only needs the light of the glory of God as its light.

The New Covenant is connected to the coming of the light, the Son, the glorious dawning of salvation and millennial glory and eternal glory.

Who is this Messiah?

The Jews are still not believing it's Jesus.

Isaiah 61:1-2, *“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,*

How are we going to know the Messiah when He comes?

Because He's coming to bring good news.

Luke 4:14, *Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.*

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, just as **Isaiah 61:1** said. He began teaching in the synagogues, was praised by

all. He came to Nazareth where He had been brought up, as was His custom, entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and He was asked to stand up and read.

The book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. He happened to open the book and found the place where it was written, He found chapter 61, and read the first 2 verses.

How does He save?

How does He come and save us?

Isaiah 61:10-11, I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Isaiah 62:11-12, Indeed the Lord has proclaimed To the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.' " ¹² And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Zacharias knew all that.

He knew that this was New Covenant fulfilment, forgiveness, mercy, the Sunrise bringing light to the darkness.

V 79, *To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.”*

The New Covenant is that it will guide our feet into the way of peace.

In **Isaiah 59:8** they did not know the way of peace. But the New Covenant promised peace, personal peace, world peace, and eternal peace.

Isaiah 54:10, *For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,” Says the Lord, who has mercy on you.*

An immense, rich, profound insight we get from just three little verses.

Forgiveness, a new heart, a new spirit, the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, the knowledge of God, the law of God implanted, light shattering the darkness, and peace in place of turmoil, peace forever, all that Zacharias anticipated would come in the Messiah, all would come in the Messiah.

When we believe Christ and receive New Covenant salvation, we receive blessings now that are like those that will come through Abrahamic fulfilment, and we receive the rule and the

sovereign reign of Christ in our lives personally like will come in the Davidic and earthly kingdom of Christ.

But the real promise fulfilment will not come until Israel repents and is saved. Pray for the salvation of Israel for in it lies their only path to blessing.