

Questions

1. What does redemption mean? Why is it necessary? If you are trusting in Jesus Christ, describe how God redeemed you. What does that mean to you?
2. What is the Latin name for Zechariah's hymn of praise and what does it mean?
3. What was a faithful Jewish priest like Zechariah waiting for, and why?
4. What did God promise to Abraham (cf. Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-5)? How are those promises fulfilled in Jesus?
5. In Luke 1:71-74, Zechariah spoke of how God would deliver His people from their enemies. Who would those enemies be? How has God rescued you from enemies?
6. In what ways did Zechariah's son, John, show that the greatest enemy facing Israel was sin?
7. For what reason(s) has God redeemed you?
8. How does Satan use fear and a lack of peace to distract you from serving God? Why is that God's Word says we have been redeemed to serve Him fearlessly?



A Ransom for Many

Luke 1:67-80

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Luke 1:67-80 records the *Benedictus*, Zechariah's hymn of praise for God redeeming His people through Jesus. Zechariah also helps us to see *why* God has redeemed us and from *whom* God has redeemed us, so that we might join him in worshipping the king.

Redemption (Mark 10:45) – The sacrificial death of Jesus Christ paid the full ransom to purchase sinners from bondage to sin and death.

God sends His strong and promised Redeemer to save His people.

For WHAT purpose was God redeeming His people?

From WHOM was God redeeming His people?