

Beautiful Songs for a Wonderful Christmas  
Zechariah's Song of Faith  
Luke 1:67-69  
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## John the Baptist Is Born

<sup>57</sup> Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she gave birth to a son. <sup>58</sup> Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had displayed His great mercy toward her; and they were rejoicing with her.

<sup>59</sup> And it happened that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zechariah, after his father. <sup>60</sup> And yet his mother responded and said, "No indeed; but he shall be called John." <sup>61</sup> And they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name." <sup>62</sup> And they made signs to his father, as to what he wanted him called. <sup>63</sup> And he asked for a tablet and wrote as follows, "His name is John." And they were all amazed. <sup>64</sup> And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began speaking in praise of God. <sup>65</sup> And fear came on all those who lived around them; and all these matters were being talked about in the entire hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup> All who heard them kept them in mind, saying, "What then will this child turn out to be?" For indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

## Zechariah's Prophecy

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying:

<sup>68</sup> "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for  
His people,  
<sup>69</sup> And has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
In the house of His servant David—  
<sup>70</sup> Just as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets  
from ancient times—  
<sup>71</sup> Salvation from our enemies,  
And from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup> To show mercy to our fathers,  
And to remember His holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> The oath which He swore to our father Abraham,  
<sup>74</sup> To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our  
enemies,  
Would serve Him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup> And you, child, also will be called the prophet of the  
Most High;  
For you will go on before the Lord to prepare His ways;  
<sup>77</sup> To give His people the knowledge of salvation  
By the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup> Because of the tender mercy of our God,  
With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us,  
<sup>79</sup> To shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow  
of death,  
To guide our feet into the way of peace."  
  
<sup>80</sup> Now the child grew and was becoming strong in spirit,  
and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public  
appearance to Israel.

**DOUBT  
FAITH  
SHALOM**

**God's promise is not simply peace of mind—it is  
peace of soul.**