

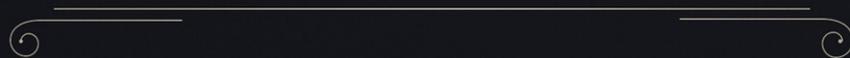


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Anthem of Victory



⁶⁷ His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: ⁶⁸ “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

Luke 1:67-79

⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hand
of all who hate us — ⁷² to show mercy to our
ancestors and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to
enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵ in holiness and
righteousness before him all our days.

Luke 1:67-79

⁷⁶ 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, ⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

Luke 1:67-79

79 to shine on those living in
darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

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The incarnation has implications that affect all of history, not just our festive celebration of Christmas on December 25th



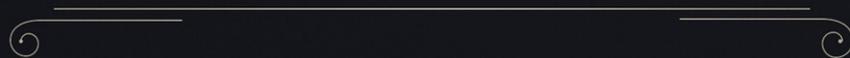
We must recognize that salvation comes to us first
in a person and second in an experience

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. ³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Psalm 98:1-3



**1) Salvation from and Victory
through our Saviour**
(vs. 68-70)



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Luke 1:68-70



Something is seriously wrong when
the people of God have lost
their ability to sing spiritual songs



A) God has come to His people



B) He has redeemed His people



C) He has raised up a horn of salvation
for His people



Jesus is both an offensive and defensive God

² Then the LORD said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. ³ March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. ⁴ Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark.

Joshua 6:2-5

On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets.

⁵ When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

Joshua 6:2-5

²⁰ Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!”

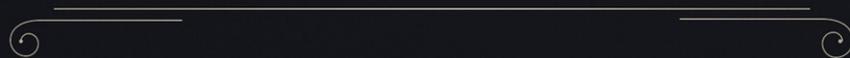
Nehemiah 4:20

⁸ The reason the Son of God appeared
was to destroy the devil's work.

1 John 3:8



**2) Salvation from and Victory
over our Enemies
(vs. 71-75)**



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of all who hate us — ⁷² to show mercy to our
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righteousness before him all our days.

Luke 1:71-75



Christmas is often an
escapism from our enemies



It is time to stop living with a victim mentality and start living with a victory mentality solely because of the power and presence of Jesus Christ

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

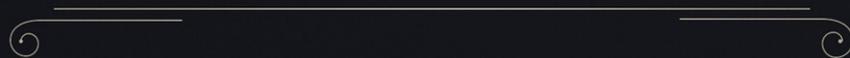
Genesis 12:3

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, ³
And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from
the west, From the north and from the south.

Psalm 107:2-3 NKJV



**3) Salvation from and Victory
over our Sin**
(vs. 76-79)



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Many of us want to experience
salvation from sin and walk in victory
over sin without repentance



Not only do we repent with our words,
but we demonstrate our repentance
through water baptism

⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

Luke 3:8

Don't hoard, but share (Luke 3:11)

Don't steal, but be fair (Luke 3:13)

Don't extort, but be content (Luke 3:14)

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29



Once we accept what John sees and do what John instructs, we, too, can preach what John proclaims



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