DAY 12

LUKE 1:68–69

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.

In this passage, Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, is filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesies the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. His words are a song of praise, recognizing the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. The phrase "horn of salvation" is symbolic of strength and victory. In ancient times, a horn represented power and authority, and here it signifies the strong Savior who would redeem His people.

Zechariah's proclamation is both a declaration of joy and a reminder of the faithfulness of God. For generations, Israel had awaited the coming of a Savior, and now that hope was being fulfilled in Jesus Christ. God had not forgotten His people, and in His perfect timing, He intervened in human history to bring salvation and restoration.

As we reflect on this during Advent, we remember that the same God who fulfilled His promises to Israel is still faithful today. In the midst of our struggles and waiting, we can trust that God is at work. Just as He sent Jesus to redeem His people, He continues to reach out to us, offering salvation, peace, and hope.

REFLECT

What are you waiting for in this season of your life? How does the promise of God's faithfulness encourage you as you wait? Consider where you need the "horn of salvation"—Jesus' strength and redemption—today. How can you make room in your life for God to work, even in the midst of uncertainty?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus, the strong and faithful Savior. In this season of Advent, help me to trust in your promises and to rest in your faithfulness. Teach me to wait with hope, knowing that you are always at work, even when I can't see it. May your salvation be my strength today. Amen.