

What do you think they were talking about, exactly? _____

The word for fear here is the same one used in **Luke 8:65** “*phobos*”-
What do you think this was about? _____

67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

*68 " Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, 69 And has raised up a **horn of salvation** for us In the house of David His servant —*

Read **Psalms 132:13-18**. What do you think a “horn” is talking about in these references? _____

Who would you say is the “horn”, and who is the “lamp” in the verses above? Why? _____

70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old — 71 Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES, And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;

Who is our enemy - Who “hates” us? _____

How does **1John 3:8** fit into this prophecy? _____

72 To show mercy toward our fathers, And to remember His holy covenant, 73 The oath which He swore to Abraham our father, 74 To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

Read **Genesis 22:16-18**. Where did Zacharias’ understanding of these things come from? _____

Where do we get our understanding of life from? _____

How would knowing the Scriptures possibly change the meaning of our lives? Has it done this already? How? _____

*76 "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS; 77 To give to His people the **knowledge of salvation** By the forgiveness of their sins, 78 Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the **Sunrise from on high** will visit us, 79 TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, To guide our feet into the **way of peace.**"*

Who is the “Sunrise”? _____

How did Zacharias understand the purpose of His son’s life? _____

80 And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

How do we feel about the idea of a kid living in “the deserts” - Should child protection have been notified? _____