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# **When God invites you into His plans**



67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: 68 “Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel, for He visited and accomplished redemption for His people, 69 and raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant — 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, 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.

Luke 1:67-75



76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go on before the Lord to make ready 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 direct our feet into the way of peace.” 80 And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the desolate regions until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Luke 1:76-80



## God's progressive work in the covenants

Vs. 69 ...in the house of **David** His servant...

Vs. 72-73 ...and to remember His holy covenant, the oath which He swore to **Abraham** our father.

Vs 77-79 ...to give to His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, with which **the Sunrise from on high will visit us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to direct our feet into the way of peace."**



# What is a covenant?

*IN OUR DAY: A contract, a treaty, a will.*

It defines the relationship, the promises and conditions involved in the covenant, and the consequences that will happen if the terms are not met.

## **Two types:**

Conditional

Unconditional



## 5 Main Biblical Covenants

1. *Noahic Covenant (unconditional)*
2. *The Abrahamic Covenant (unconditional)*
3. *The Mosaic Covenant (conditional)*
4. *The Davidic Covenant (unconditional)*
5. *The New Covenant (unconditional)*



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Luke 1:72-73

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And Yahweh said to Abram, "Go forth from your land, and from your kin and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; 2 **And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.**"

Genesis 12:1



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## Where were YOU when God invited you into His plan?

9 Or do you not know that **the unrighteous** will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither *the* sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor *the* greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you; **but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11



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steps of faith on your part.**

Then he believed Yahweh; and He counted him as righteous.

Genesis 15:6



# How do I know if God is inviting me into something new?

*PREREQUISITE: Know the Bible.*

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Begin praying, seeking, pay attention. Be patient.

Is it consistent with the character of God?

Is it contrary to clear biblical instruction?

Make your decision.

***BEWARE: fear instead of faith***



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