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Reading 1 — 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Responsorial Psalm — 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29.

Gospel — Lk 1:67-79

Zechariah his father, filled with the Holy Spirit, prophesied, saying:

“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;

for he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his prophets he promised of old

that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hand of our enemies, free to worship him without fear,

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people

knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell

in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Discussion Points:

Zechariah questioned the Lord when His angel told Zechariah his wife would bear a child and was unable to speak until his child was born. How might this have affected his relationships with those around him?

When Zechariah was again able to speak, the first thing he did was to declare the name of his newborn son. Imagine and discuss the reactions that may have come from this sudden ability to speak again.

What was John the Prophet's role in the life of Jesus, according to this Gospel?

**Pray on this for today:
that your faith in God's plan is strong,
without doubt in His promises for your life.**