

Daily Devotional, December 16, 2020

“The Dayspring from on High”, (Luke 1:78, NKJV)

“Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us” (Luke 1:78)

These words were spoken prophetically by Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist (Luke 1:67-79). “Dayspring” is one of several names of Christ that are associated with light. Jesus is the “light of the world” (John 8:12), and His entrance into the world was itself an announcement of God’s mercy towards sinners. For this One came to die to pay the penalty for our sins and reconcile us to the Father.

Zacharias’ words called to mind certain Old Testament prophecies. “Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you” (Isaiah 60:1). “The Dayspring from on high” came to save all peoples, Jews and Gentiles alike. For it is written, “The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising” (Isaiah 60:3). “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him” (Matthew 2:2). Christian friend, rejoice! For it is a fact that “the true light is already shining” (1 John 2:8).

Is the Lord of Glory shining in your heart this Christmas season? What else does the Scripture say? “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19). The Lord Himself further explains. “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star” (Revelation 22:16). The Son of God came into the world as light, and wishes to come into your heart as light, to give you great hope, joy, and assurance in these dark days.