

A man with a grey beard, wearing a white cap and a white robe, is shown in profile, holding a baby wrapped in a white cloth. He is looking towards the left. In the background, a crowd of people, some wearing white robes and head coverings, are visible, some with their hands raised as if in prayer or praise. The scene is set outdoors with a bright, hazy background.

# *Zechariah's Song*

*Luke 1:67-79*







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# The Motive

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<sup>74</sup> to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and **to enable us to serve him** without fear <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

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