

Luke 1:64

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God.

Analysis

Zacharias's immediate opening of mouth and loosing of tongue when he obeyed demonstrates the connection between obedience and restoration. The instant recovery—'immediately'—shows this was miraculous, not natural healing. That he immediately spoke 'blessing God' reveals transformed character; his first words after nine months honor God rather than complain about discipline. The praise demonstrates that the discipline achieved its purpose—producing humble submission and grateful worship. Zacharias's testimony through both silence and speech proclaimed God's power and faithfulness. His blessing God publicly acknowledged divine justice in the discipline and mercy in the restoration.

Historical Context

The gathered community for circumcision witnessed both the naming controversy and Zacharias's miraculous speech restoration. His immediate blessing of God would have profoundly impacted witnesses, confirming that supernatural power was at work in this family and child.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does obedience lead to restoration of what discipline removed?
2. What does Zacharias's immediate praise teach about proper response to God's mercy?
3. How should we respond when God restores what He temporarily removed?

Interlinear Text

ἀνεώχθη δὲ τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ παραχρῆμα καὶ ἡ
was opened **And** ^{G3588} **mouth** **his** **immediately** **and** ^{G3588}
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γλῶσσα αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐλάλει εὐλογῶν τὸν θεόν
tongue **his** **and** **he spake** **and praised** ^{G3588} **God**
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 1:20 (Parallel theme): And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

Jeremiah 1:9 (Parallel theme): Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

Ezekiel 33:22 (Parallel theme): Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

Psalms 51:15 (Resurrection): O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Isaiah 12:1 (Resurrection): And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Matthew 9:33 (Parallel theme): And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

Ezekiel 3:27 (References God): But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

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