

Luke 1:75

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Analysis

Service to God is characterized by 'holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.' 'Holiness' refers to consecration and separation unto God, while 'righteousness' indicates moral conformity to His character. The phrase 'before him' (Greek 'enopion autou') emphasizes that our service is rendered in God's presence, under His gaze, accountable to His standard. 'All the days of our life' indicates lifelong, continuous obedience—not occasional righteousness but persistent, progressive sanctification. This describes the nature of true Christian living: holy devotion and righteous conduct maintained throughout one's entire life in God's presence. Salvation produces holiness; it doesn't merely provide legal standing.

Historical Context

The emphasis on holiness and righteousness before God reflects Old Testament covenant requirements (Lev 19:2; Deut 6:25) while anticipating New Testament sanctification teaching. Zacharias envisions salvation producing transformed living, not merely forgiven status.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What is the relationship between holiness (consecration) and righteousness (moral conduct)?
2. How does living 'before him' (in God's presence) shape daily obedience?
3. What does lifelong holiness and righteousness reveal about the nature of saving faith?

Interlinear Text

ἐν	ὁσιότητι	καὶ	δικαιοσύνη	ἐνώπιον	αὐτοῦ	πάσας	τὰς
In	holiness	and	righteousness	before	him	all	G3588
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Additional Cross-References

Ephesians 4:24 (Righteousness): And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 2:10 (Parallel theme): For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

2 Timothy 1:9 (Holy): Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Ephesians 1:4 (Holy): According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

1 Thessalonians 4:7 (Holy): For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

