

DAYSPRING FROM ON HIGH

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"And his (John the Baptist) father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He has visited and redeemed His people, and has raised up a Horn of Salvation for us in the house of His servant David; as he spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, which have been since the world began; that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant; the oath which He swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life. And you, child (John the Baptist), shall be called the Prophet of the Highest. For you shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto His people for the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the Dayspring from on High has visited us, to give light to those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:67-79)

This is a prophecy of concerning the promised Messiah, Jesus the Christ. In this prophecy two titles of Jesus are mentioned: Horn of Salvation, and Dayspring from on High.

Dayspring: from the Greek word *anatole* which means: "a rising, dawn, dawning"; and is itself derived from the Greek word *anatello* which means "to cause to rise".

Dayspring: an old-fashioned word meaning "daybreak; the dawn of the morning; a poetic term for daybreak".

Dawn: the first appearance of light in the sky before sunrise; daybreak, dayspring, sunrise. In a figurative sense it means the new beginning, or dawning, of a period of time, especially one considered favorable.

on High: from the Greek word *hupsos* which means: "height".

Dayspring from on High: in this title of Jesus, '**from on High**' is referring to the source, or place, from where the **Dayspring** originates from. The source or place is God Himself.

Consider these 'on High' titles of the Father Himself:

"I will cry unto God Most High; unto God who performs all things for me." (Psalm 57:2)

"I will be glad and rejoice in You. I will sing praise to Your name, oh You Most High. (Psalm 9:2)

"That men may know that You, whose name alone is Jehovah, are the Most High over all the earth." (Psalms 83:18)

"Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwells On High." (Psalm 113:5)

"God, who in times past, and in diverse manners spoke unto the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He has appointed Heir of all Things, through whom also He made the worlds; Who (Jesus) being the brightness of His (the Father's) glory, and the express image of His (the Father's) person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High." (Heb1:1-3)

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Thus Jesus is called the 'Dayspring from on High', or the 'Dawning of light from God on High'. Consider these scriptures concerning Jesus:

"But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light; for whatever does make manifest is light. For this reason it says. "Awake you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." (Ephesians 5:13-14)

"For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the Excellent Glory, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him on the holy mountain. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; to which you do well that you take heed, as unto a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the Daystar arises in your hearts." (2 Peter 1:17-19)

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our Gospel is hid, it is hid to them that are lost; in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them who believe not, lest the light of the Glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:1-6)

"In Him is life; and the life is the light of men. And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness does not comprehend it." ... He "was the true Light, who enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came unto His own, and his own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe on his name:" (John 1:4-5, 9-12)

Jesus is ...

the Dayspring from on High

**the Dawning of light from God on High,
the light that Shines in a Dark Place,
the Light of Mankind,
the Great Light...**

**...that gives us the light
of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ!**

So that we who believe might become the sons of God!!

**"I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless You; and I will praise Your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised."
(Psalm 145: 1-3)**