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Responding To God

Obeying God's Call

Text:

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29. Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

30. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.

31. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

32. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,

33. and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

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35. The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

36. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month.

37. For nothing is impossible with God."

38. “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.

Introduction:

I. How important is the location of a person’s residence during his formative years?

A. John 1:45, 46, Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

B. Nazareth was a beautifully secluded town nestled in the southernmost hills of the Lebanon Mountain range in the territory originally allotted to Zebulum. Nazareth is not mentioned in the Old Testament.

C. Matthew 2:23, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

D. Luke 2:39-40, When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

II. The birth of a child has a tremendous impact on the family constellation.

A. What effect did Jesus have on Joseph and Mary?

B. What effect did Joseph and Mary have on Jesus?

Commentary:

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Luke 1:26, In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. NIV

I. Six months after Elizabeth's conception (John the Baptist) God sent Gabriel to Nazareth, a city of Galilee. This would make John six (6) months older than Jesus.

A. Gabriel was also the archangel who had announced the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zechariah as he served as a priest burning incense in the temple.

B. Galilee literally translated means "circle" or "district of the pagans" because many Gentiles lived there.

C. The fact that Jesus was conceived in and resided in Nazareth fulfilled prophecy.

1. Matthew 2:23, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene." NIV

II. There were apparently seven (7) archangels in all, only two (2) of whom, Michael and Gabriel, were named in Scripture.

Luke 1:27, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

I. Gabriel appeared to Mary (Miriam), a virgin, who was engaged to a man named Joseph of the tribe of Judah.

- A. The custom of that time called for couples to be engaged for approximately one year prior to marriage and co-habitation.
- B. The engagement was considered a binding relationship/obligation.
- C. Infidelity during betrothal was considered to be adultery, a capital offense.

1. Deuteronomy 22:23, 25, If a man happens to meet in a town a virgin pledged to be married and he sleeps with her, you shall take both of them to the gate of that town and stone them to death – the girl because she was in a town and did not scream for help, and the man because he violated another man’s wife. You must purge the evil from among you. NIV

- D. Mary was likely a teenager at this time, fifteen (15) or sixteen (16) years of age, many commentators believe.

II. The Old Testament foretold the fact that the Messiah would be born of a virgin.

- A. **Isaiah 7:14, Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.**
- B. **Matthew 1:23, “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” – which means, “God with us.”**

C. John 1:18, No one has ever seen God, but God the only one of his race, who is at the Father's side has made him known.

D. John 3:18, Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one of a kind Son.

E. Romans 1:3-4, regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. (Note: declared to be the son of God not at his birth in Bethlehem, but at the completion of his saving work for us.)

F. Philippians 2:5-7, Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

G. Galatians 4:4, But when the time had fully come, God sent his son, born of a woman, born under law.

Luke 1:28-29, The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

I. Gabriel greeted Mary with the assurance that God was highly favoring Mary and that the Lord was with her.

II. The awesome appearance of the archangel Gabriel to Mary caused her to be very upset. She wondered what this salutation could possibly mean.

III. "Hail" is a salutation of honor in Greek and corresponds to the Hebrew, "Peace be unto you."

1. Note: Christians would later change this greeting by slightly altering the Greek letters to make the word "Rejoice".

Luke 1:30-31, But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

I. Gabriel told Mary not to fear because she had found favor with God.

A. As Gabriel had calmed Zechariah he now calmed Mary.

B. "Favor" can be translated as "grace."

II. Mary knew the Scriptures, trusted in God, lived a life of virtue and integrity, and was submissive to the will of God.

III. Gabriel announced the conception and birth of a child whose name was to be Jesus.

A. Mary understood that the conception was to occur forthwith.

B. This perplexed Mary as she had not, as of that time, had sexual relations with any man.

C. “Jesus” is the New Testament Greek rendering of the Old Testament Hebrew “Joshua” and means “Jehovah is salvation.”

1. Matthew 1:21, She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

2. Mary’s son was to save his people from their sins.

3. The lovely maiden of Galilee was chosen to be the earthly mother of Jesus.

Luke 1:32, He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.

I. Mary’s child Jesus would be:

A. Great.

B. Called the Son of the Most High.

C. Given the throne of his father (ancestor) David to reign over God’s spiritual kingdom.

Note: Mary was a descendant of David. Joseph was also a descendant of David. Jesus was a physical descendant of David through Mary and a legal descendant of David through his foster father Joseph.

Luke 1:33, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

I. The spiritual kingdom of Jesus would have no end.

- A. **Daniel 2:44, In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.**
- B. **Ephesians 3:21, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**

II. Jesus would reign over the spiritual house of Jacob (Israel, God's chosen people) forever.

- A. **Galatians 6:16, Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.**
- B. **Matthew 19:28, Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."**

Luke 1:34, "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

I. From this it is clear that Mary was at that time a virgin.

II. The "perpetual virginity" of Mary is not a Biblical teaching.

- A. After her marriage to Joseph and the birth of Jesus, Mary had other children.
- B. **Luke 8:19-20, Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the**

crowd. Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.”

C. Matthew 13:55-56, “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”

D. Mark 6:3, “Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?”

Luke 1:35, The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”

I. Mary’s conception resulted through the instrumentality of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Most High God.

II. Therefore, the holy child to be begotten would be called the Son of God.

III. This reminds us of the smoke on top of Mount Sinai, over the tabernacle, and over Solomon’s temple at the Dedication service indicating the presence of God.

Luke 1:36, Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month.

I. Gabriel announced to Mary that her relative Elizabeth who had been barren had conceived a son in her old age six months before the time of this occurrence.

II. This was surely an encouragement to Mary. A relative could relate to her situation and understand her feelings.

Luke 1:37, For nothing is impossible with God.

I. What Gabriel told Mary was the Word of God, not his own word or opinion.

II. God's word was not ever to be diminished in power.

III. Nothing is impossible with God!

A. Genesis 18:14, Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son.

B. Jeremiah 32:17, Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

C. Matthew 19:26, Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Luke 1:38, "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

I. Mary freely responded in a positive manner to the will of the Lord.

II. "Handmaid" is translated "bond-servant" or "slave."

III. Mary submitted herself to God's will even though she must have been concerned about:

- A. How she would explain her pregnancy to Joseph.
- B. How her acquaintances would react to this pregnancy.
- C. How the law, which regarded adultery as a capital crime, would deal with her for conceiving out of wedlock.

Conclusion:

I. Mary was highly favored by God. How has God favored you in your life?

II. Mary was confused by the announcement of the angel. What have you been confused about in regard to religious matters?

III. Mary was positively responsive to Gabriel's announcement even though she could not have known everything that her willingness to obey God would involve through the years. When have you said "Yes" to God without first knowing where this commitment would take you?

A. Luke 2:48-50, When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

B. John 1:1-4, On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no

more wine.” “Dear woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My time has not yet come.”

C. Whatever Mary understood or did not understand, she seemed to think that Jesus could do something about the problem at the wedding in Cana.

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Questions

1. _____ was a beautifully secluded town nestled in the southernmost hills of the _____ range in the territory originally allotted to _____.
2. _____ is not mentioned in the Old Testament. The prophets had said of Christ, “He will be called a _____.”
3. The child Jesus _____ and became _____; he was filled with _____, and the _____ of _____ was upon him.
4. In the _____th month, God sent the _____ to _____, a town of Galilee. John the Baptist was _____ months older than _____.
5. Galilee literally translated means “_____” or “_____ of the _____” because many _____ lived there.
6. _____ appeared to _____ (_____), a _____, who was engaged to a man named _____ of the tribe of _____.
7. _____ during _____ was considered to be _____, a _____ offense.
8. Mary was likely a teenager at the time Jesus was conceived, _____ or _____ years of age many commentators believe.

9. Isaiah prophesied, “The _____ will be with _____ and will give birth to a _____, and will call his name _____” which means “_____.”

10. The angel said to Mary, “Do not be _____, you have found _____ with _____. You will be with _____ and give birth to a _____ and you will name him _____.”

11. Mary knew the _____, _____ in _____, lived a life of _____ and integrity, and was submissive to the _____ of _____.

12. _____ is the New Testament rendering of the Old Testament _____ and means “_____.”

13. Mary’s child Jesus would be _____, called the _____ of the _____ and given the throne of his father _____.

14. Mary and Joseph were both descendants of _____. Jesus was a _____ descendant of _____ through _____ and a legal descendent of _____ through his _____.

15. The “_____” of Mary is _____ a _____.

16. Joseph and Mary, after Jesus was born, had other children including _____, _____, _____, _____, and certain unnamed _____.

17. Mary's conception resulted from the instrumentality of the _____ and the power of the _____.

18. Is anything too _____ for _____?
_____ is _____ with God!

19. Mary submitted herself to God's will even though she must have been concerned about: (a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

20. Mary was highly favored by God. How has God favored you in your life? _____
