

Lessons concerning God's plan

A. God can do anything!

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

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

B. God can use anyone who yields to the Lord's will!

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."

Luke 1:46 "And Mary said, "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

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I. An angel was sent with a message.

A. The angel visited at the proper time.

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

Luke 1:19b "... I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and tell you this good news."

Hebrews 1:14 "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"

B. The angel visited the precise city.

Luke 1:26 "... to Nazareth, a town in Galilee."

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."

C. The angel visited a particular young lady.

1. He visited a chosen virgin named Mary.

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."

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."

2. He visited a woman who was committed to Joseph.

Luke 1:27a "To a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David"

II. The angel shared God's message.

A. The angel greeted Mary with kind words.

Luke 1:28 “The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

Luke 1:29 “Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.”

B. The angel gave Mary reassuring words.

Luke 1:30 “But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.”

C. The angel told Mary she would give birth to a son.

1. His name is stated.

Luke 1:31 “You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus.”

John 8:58 “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

John 17:4 “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ^[5] And now Father glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”

2. His status is mentioned.

Luke 1:32a “He will be great”

3. He is the Son of the Most High.

Luke 1:32b “... and will be called the Son of the Most High.

4. He is the Sovereign Lord who will sit on David’s throne.

Luke 1:32c “... The Lord God will give Him the throne of his father David.”

2 Samuel 7:16 “Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

Luke 1:33 “And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end.”

III. The angel stated more details about God’s message.

A. Mary responded with a question.

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

B. The angel replied with an answer.

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.”

Matthew 1:18 “This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 1:20 “... what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”

C. The angel reminded Mary of the unlimited power of God.

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

Luke 1:37 “For nothing is impossible with God.”

Genesis 18:14 “Is anything too hard for the Lord?”

Job 42:2 “I know you can do all things; not plan of yours can be thwarted.”

Jer. 32:17 “... Nothing is too hard for you”

Matthew 19:26 “... with God all things are possible.”

D. Mary reacted to God’s message.

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.”