

“GABRIEL’S MESSAGE: FEAR NOT – NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE”

LUKE 1:26-38

I. THE APPEARANCE OF THE ANGEL GABRIEL – VSS. 26,27

NOTE: Gabriel was the Angel of the Lord to Israel. (Cp. Daniel 8:16; 9:21)

- A. Gabriel was “*SENT FROM GOD*” Vs. 26
 - All Angels are Messengers of God to do service unto God.
- B. Gabriel was “*SENT TO MARY*” Vs. 27
 - Gabriel had a specific mission from God to speak to Mary
 1. Mary was an Espoused Lady
 2. Mary was a Virgin Lady

NOTE: The importance of the **VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS** cannot be overstated. A **RIGHT VIEW** of the full redemptive work of Jesus hinges on the truth that Jesus was **VIRGIN BORN!**

II. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ANGEL GABRIEL – VSS. 28-34

NOTE: Gabriel **DID NOT** appear in a **VISION** or a **DREAM**. He appeared in **PERSON** to Mary!

- A. We See Mary’s Character – Vss. 28a, 29
 1. Mary was “**HIGHLY FAVORED**”
 2. Mary was “**BLESSED AMONG WOMEN**”
- B. We See Mary’s Consolation – Vss. 30-33
 1. Gabriel instructed Mary not to **FEAR** – Vs. 30
 2. Gabriel instructed Mary about **JESUS** – Vss. 31-33
 - a. Jesus was going to be Conceived in Mary’s Womb – Vs. 31
 - b. Jesus was going to be Exceptional – Vss. 32, 33
 - 1) He would be Great
 - 2) He would be the Son of the Highest – **GOD**
 - 3) He would be Ruler from King David’s Throne – 2 Samuel 7:12-17
 - 4) He would be Rule forever – Isaiah 9:7
- C. We See Mary’s Concern – Vs. 34
 - She said, “**HOW SHALL THIS BE, SEEING I KNOW NOT A MAN?**”
 - Mary’s concern was not of **DOUBT** or **DISBELIEF** but of **AMAZEMENT** and **WONDER**.

III. THE ANSWER OF THE ANGEL GABRIEL – VSS. 35-38

NOTE: Mary wanted to know how she was going to have a child when she never had any physical relationship with a man.

- A. Gabriel’s Explanation – Vss. 35,36
 - A Tremendous **CREATIVE ACT** of the Holy Spirit
- B. Gabriel’s Exhortation – Vs. 37
 - **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD**
 - Mary submitted willingly to the words of Gabriel
-“**BE IT UNTO ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD.**”

THE LESSON OF THE PASSAGE

Though this is a tremendously great text on the explanation of the conception and virgin birth of Christ, it also has a **VERY PRACTICAL APPLICATION**:

- 1) No matter what we face, when God is involved, **WE NEED NOT FEAR!**
 - Note verse 30 – “**FEAR NOT**”
- 2) No matter what we face, when God is involved, **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!**
 - Note verse 37 – “**FOR WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE.**”

