

TEXT:

THOU THAT ART HIGHLY FAVOURED: [exalted in character]**LUKE 1:26 - 38**

- » 26 † ¶ And in the sixth month **THE ANGEL GABRIEL** was sent from **GOD** unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
- » 27 † To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was **JOSEPH**, of the **HOUSE OF DAVID**; and the virgin's name was **MARY**.
- » 28 † And **THE ANGEL** came in unto her, and said, *Hail, thou that art **HIGHLY FAVOURED**, the Lord is with thee: **blessed art thou among women**.*
- » 29 † And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
- » 30 † And **THE ANGEL** said unto her, ***Fear not, MARY: for thou hast FOUND FAVOUR with GOD**.*
- » 31 † *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name **JESUS**.*
- » 32 † He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
- » 33 † And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.
- » 34 † Then said **MARY** unto the **ANGEL**, *How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?*
- » 35 † And the **ANGEL** answered and said unto her, *The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called **THE SON OF GOD**.*
- » 36 † *And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.*
- » 37 † *For with God nothing shall be impossible.*
- » 38 † And **MARY** said, ***Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.***
- And the **ANGEL** departed from her.

MARY DIDN'T WAIT UNTIL SHE FELT SOMETHING...

50-0716 BELIEVEST.THOU.THIS_ MINNEAPOLIS.MN SUNDAY_

« E-41 † Now, I want you to notice something closely. Look when the Angel came to the **PRIEST, ZACHARIAS**, and told him that Sarah... or **ELISABETH** was going to have a child by him, he had plenty of examples before that. Hannah had had a child past age of bearing. Sarah, near a hundred years old or better, had brought a child after the age of bearing: plenty examples. But that calloused priest failed to believe God. But Mary never; she never questioned. She said, ***"Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to Thy Word."***

Notice. **She didn't wait till she was positive. She didn't wait till she felt something, felt life.** She started right then praising God for it, for she had His promise.

Brother, sister, give us some more Marys here in Minneapolis, **who will take God at His Word, not wait till you feel something, or something happens**, take His Word and start rejoicing about it. Hallelujah! God said He's the Healer; I believe it. He said He created me. I believe it. Take His Word and start rejoicing about it. Hallelujah! That's the kind of people we need.

« E-42 † She went right around telling everybody she was going to have the baby, and **wasn't no sign or nothing of it. She didn't have to have any signs. Only thing she had to have was God's Word. That's all we have to have.** God said so; that settles it with me. What about you? Believe it. Take Him at His Word and say it's so, and just go ahead. **That's all you have to have**, is His Word. Bound to bring it forth. You believe it, brother? Stay with it. Hallelujah. That's right. Stay with it. It'll bring the results every time. I've never seen it fail.

When a true heart come before God and meant business, and took God at His Word, and started testifying of it, and looking to the unseen; then God's promises always produces what is asked for. That's right.

51-0506A BELIEVEST.THOU.THIS_ LOS.ANGELES.CA SUNDAY_

« E-47 † *When God takes the Holy Spirit and brings that Word to you and makes It alive to you, a reality that your faith, stand up and claim it. You don't have to feel nothing, see nothing, or nothing; you have to believe something.*

Amen.

DON'T CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER...

50-0716 BELIEVEST.THOU.THIS_ MINNEAPOLIS.MN SUNDAY_

« E-44 † And let's do a little drama here again. I can see Elisabeth setting on the porch, maybe doing her--her work, knitting, or ever what she might be doing, and Mary comes up. Real quick, as soon as Mary comes, she sees Elisabeth. My, both Christian women, as we would call it today, ran out, threw their arms around one another, hugged one another, kissed one another, saluting each other.

Oh, I like that. I like a good, warm feeling, don't you? **I hate that old, cold, formal way we got.** People today, they're so far away from one another, **you don't care for one another.** That's what's the matter. Even church members get the same way. **They don't care for one another. Why, if anybody does anything wrong, trying to shove him down. Don't shove him down; pick him up; help him.** That's right. **Don't try to criticize him and tell somebody else; go to him with your arms around him.** And today, they got so afraid, they don't even want to shake hands any more.

I like a good, old Methodist, pump handle handshake. You know, one of them kind. Get right down and shake.

NAME DOESN'T MAKE.... IT IS THE CHARACTER THAT MAKES YOU.... ATTITUDE

56-1005 PAINTED.FACE.JEZEBEL_ CHICAGO.IL FRIDAY_

« E-14 † Now, **JEZEBEL**, that's a name makes everybody shiver, just to say **JEZEBEL**. That was just a common name, just a name like Martha, Ruth, or Mary, or--or some other name. But when they just hear the name **JEZEBEL**, it was all because of one woman that took the wrong road.

Now, I'd imagine **JEZEBEL**, just because she had the name of **JEZEBEL** didn't make her what she was. It wasn't her name that did that; it was her attitude. That's what made it. And the name shouldn't make us shiver like the attitude that she took ought to make you shiver. **But you mention JEZEBEL, "Oooh, my," But mention some of her sin, "Oh well, that's all right."** And it wasn't the... It wasn't the name that made her; it was her sin that made her--made her what she was. Your name don't make what you are. It's your **CHARACTER** that makes you. Your **CHARACTER** molds you and makes you what you are.

SHUNAMMITE WOMAN

52-0810A I.AM.THE.RESURRECTION.AND.THE.LIFE_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-63 † Now, just as the **SHUNAMMITE** was to the prophet, so was Mary to the Son of God. She recognized Him to be the Son of God. That's what He was. She recognized Him as the Lord. That's what He was. No matter what the other things was, He was the Son of God.

She said, "If Thou would've been here..." If she could only find **FAVOR** with Him now, she would get what she asked. That's the reason the **SHUNAMMITE WOMAN** would find **FAVOR** with **ELIJAH**. See? She knew that was God's representative there, and if she could just find favor with him, that's why--that's what the case right then, had to be settled. "Now, if I can just find favor with Jesus, that settles the case."

LET NOT MERCY & TRUTH FORSAKE [depart from] THEE**PROVERBS 3:1 - 6**

- 1 † ¶ My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
- 2 † For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. [2 Cor. 3:2,3]
- 3 † Let not **MERCY** and **TRUTH** forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; **write** them upon the **table** of thine **heart**:
- 4 † **So shalt thou FIND FAVOUR** and **GOOD UNDERSTANDING** in the sight of God and man.
- 5 † Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and **lean not unto thine own UNDERSTANDING.**
- 6 † In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.