



Mary the Mother

LUKE 1:26-40

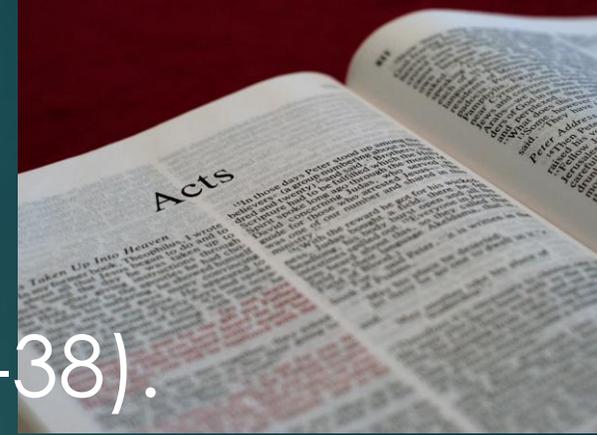
God Has Chosen Mary



- ▶ It was a serious **calling**—to be the mother of Jesus
- ▶ We do not know exactly why God has chosen Mary, beyond just her bloodline as the descendent of king David (Luke 3:23)
- ▶ God's **reasoning** can be entirely outside our understanding (1 Cor. 1:27), which is ok
- ▶ Nevertheless, there are **qualities** of Mary that we can see and learn from throughout the Gospels, to serve as an example of Biblical motherhood for us

1. She Believed in God's Word

- ▶ It is not an easy prophecy to **accept** (v.30-38). Nevertheless she received it and believed in it
- ▶ Although it is our duty for us to **study** and comprehend God's word, we do not often fully comprehend its meaning, let alone its applications. Nevertheless, often God's word is very clear for us to **follow**.
- ▶ As parents are we willing to believe and follow God's word? (i.e. Prov. 22:6)



2. She Praised and Thanked God

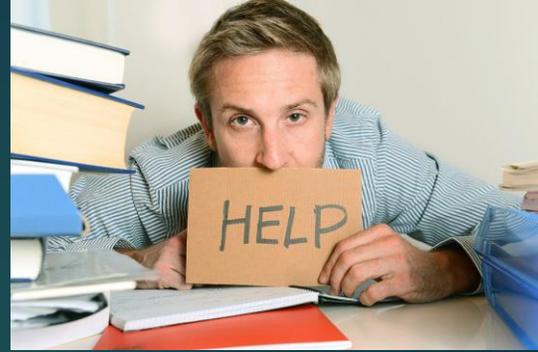


- ▶ She sang **praises** to God and worshiped Him (v.46-55). This is a very beautiful prayer to God.
- ▶ Notice she spent much time **describing God**. This is the proper way to praise God (i.e. Psalm 36:5-7)
- ▶ The better she **knew** God, the better she would **appreciate** God, and the more she wanted to **praise** God—it is all about understanding (Job 42:1-6)

- ▶ As parents, the **more** we praise God, the more our children will praise God
- ▶ This is not just about setting a good **example** (although that is vitally important) (Prov. 22:6)
- ▶ The best way to bring your children to God is to **bring ourselves to God**. Our attitude will directly influence their attitude to God.
- ▶ Moreover, the more we “walk the walk” the more they will glorify God on their own desire (1 Peter 2:11-12)



3. She Sought Support From Others



- ▶ She sought support when she **needed** them (v.39-40), and stayed with Elizabeth for three months to support each other (v.56)
- ▶ Are we **willing** and **humble enough** to ask for help? (Acts 20:35)
- ▶ **Who** our supporting person is matters.
- ▶ In this case, both the supporting person and the person being supported were encouraged

There Are More...



4. (Luke 2:19, 51) Mary **treasured** the memory of her child, and **pondered** the significance of it.
5. Mary endured the **hardship** (Luke 2:4)
6. Mary endured the **ridicule** (Luke 2:5)
7. Mary **presented** Jesus before God (Luke 2:22-24)
8. Mary **nourished** Jesus and took good care of Him (Luke 2:7, 52)

Conclusion

- ▶ We don't always **understand** why God does something or says something, but are we willing to **accept** and **follow** God's word?
- ▶ Will your children define you as a thanksgiving person who praises God often?
- ▶ Have you learned something from other godly parents? Do you **seek support** and encouragement? Do you encourage others?
- ▶ Let us be brave parents and bring our children up before God (Prov. 22:6)

