

Luke 1:34-38 – The Response.

I. (34-37) The Holy Spirit will...

Luke 1:18 - *And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.” Unbelief!*

Mary’s response was one of an inquiry, in excitement, “in wonder-filled faith.” “This was not the language of her distrust, or any doubt of what the angel said, but of a desire to be further instructed.”

Overshadow means “to cover with a cloud,” as in the cloud of Shekinah glory.

Exodus 40:34-35 - *Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*

The Holy Spirit, the power of the Highest will accomplish it...

Bazalel, Oholiab, Samson, Gideon, Jephthah, Balaam, Saul, Azariah, David, Daniel, Zerubbabel, Zacharias, John the Baptist, Jesus, Disciples - Peter, John, Paul...

Ecclesiastes 11:5 - *As you do not know what is the way of the wind, Or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, so you do not know the works of God who makes everything.*

Genesis 1:2 - *The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on **the face of the deep**. And **the Spirit of God** was hovering over **the face of the waters**.*

Exodus 31:3 - *“And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,*

Judges 6:34 - *But **the Spirit of the LORD** came upon Gideon; then he blew **the trumpet**, and **the Abiezrites** gathered behind him*

Job 33:4 - *The Spirit of God has made me, and **the breath of the Almighty** gives me life.*

Daniel 5:14 - *“I have heard **of you**, that **the Spirit of God** is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.*

Romans 8:14 - *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

“This is enough to help her over all the difficulty there appears in it; a divine power will undertake it, not the power of an angel employed in it, as in other works of wonder, but the power of the Holy Ghost himself”

“Gabriel also brought evidence, explaining that Elizabeth was pregnant. If God could do that, He could do what He promised for Mary.”

Genesis 18:14 - *“Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”*

“...all the instances in the Old Testament of those having children that had been long barren, which was above nature, were designed to prepare the world for the belief of a virgin's bearing a son, which was against nature. And therefore, even in the birth of Isaac, Abraham...foresaw such a miracle in the birth of Christ. The angel assures Mary of this, to encourage her faith, and concludes with that great truth, of undoubted certainty and universal use, *For with God nothing shall be impossible, and, if nothing, then not this.*”

Mark 10:27 - *But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is **impossible**, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”*

II. (38) Let it be.

“She was **the maidservant of the Lord**, and it was not her position to debate with her Master, but to accept what He said.”

“**Let it be to me according to Your word**” is the proper response of every believer to every promise of God.”

“All this took more trust in the Lord than we might think. Mary agreed to receive a pregnancy that would be seen as suspicious, and this in a culture that had a potential death penalty for adultery. Mary identified herself with sinners so that the purpose of God would be fulfilled.”

Spiritually speaking, there are similarities between God's work in Mary and His work in every believer.

“She is not only content that it should be so, but humbly desires that it may be so”

“We must, as Mary here, *guide* our desires by the word of God, and *ground* our hopes *upon* it.”

- Jesus lives within the believer spiritually, as He did in Mary physically
- Jesus lives within us spiritually by His word, as He did in Mary physically
- Jesus is made visible to the world through us, as He was through Mary physically.

1 Chronicles 17:23-24 - “And now, O LORD, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, **let it be** established forever, and do as You have said. “So let it be established, that Your name may be magnified forever, saying, ‘The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, is Israel's God.’ And let the house of Your servant David be established before You.

Matthew 9:29 - Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.”

Matthew 15:28 - Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! **Let it be** to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Proverbs 3:5-8 - Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.