

Sermon Notes (Dec. 24).

God's Message to Mary
Luke 1:26-38

Luke likely interviewed Mary in person to get all the details.
This is a message from God the Father straight to Mary via the Angel Gabriel.

Scripture (ESV)

Greetings,

O favored one,

the Lord is with you!"

Mary: Deeply troubled
and tries to discern

"Do not be afraid, Mary,

for you have found favor with God.

And behold,

you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,

and you shall call his name Jesus.

He will be great and
will be called the Son of the Most High.

And the Lord God will give to him
the throne of his father David,

and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Thoughts for Meditation

"Rejoice!"

You have God's _____ upon you

The Lord is not against you, but with you!
A blessing & statement.

Mary: Am I in trouble?

Why are you _____ ? Stop being afraid!
(An angel from God the Father said my name!)

You have God's _____ and love!

Listen carefully!

God the Father is giving you a _____

Jesus (Greek) = Joshua (Hebrew) = _____ saves

The Baby is above _____

This Baby is the Messiah everyone is waiting for! The promised Christ!

He is the _____ King promised to all Israel and all humans

Mary: "How will this be,
since I am a virgin?"

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,

and the power of the Most High
will overshadow you;

therefore the child to be born
will be called holy—the Son of God.

And behold, your relative Elizabeth
in her old age has also conceived a son,
and this is the sixth month
with her who was called barren.

For nothing will be impossible with God.

Mary: "Behold, I am the servant
of the Lord; let it be to me
according to your word."

1. God's grace and love was with Mary. She had not done anything extra, but she was God's believing servant.
2. Mary's task from God was to be a faithful mother. It was not to conquer enemies, that was her Son's work. Mary was to carry, bear and raise the Baby.
3. Mary has faith in the message. She is in covenant relationship with God.

*But I am not with a husband,
I am not allowed to have a baby.*

*God the Holy Spirit will be on you.
(Holy Spirit's creating power)*

*God the Father's power will be over you
(God the Father's creating power)*

*the Baby that you give birth to will be
_____ and _____*

*And you know that Elizabeth is pregnant
although she was too old.*

*God will do this in your life, Mary.
Nothing is too hard for _____*

*I am a servant of God. (not for myself)
I believe the
message, may it all come _____*