

GOD'S HOUSE CALL TO MARY

This Christmas we will study three house calls made by the archangel Gabriel as recorded in the Book of Luke.

- Dec.7 God's House Call to Zachariah (Lk.1:5-20)
- **Dec.14 God's House Call to Mary (Lk.1:26-38)**
- Dec.21 God's House Call to Shepherds (Lk.2:8-20)

The fact that God sent Gabriel meant that something big was about to happen in the redemptive history of Christ. Gabriel is the angelic herald of the message of Christ.

We will examine our lesson text by the following five homiletical points.

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| • Sixth month | (Lk.1:26-27, 36) | marital status |
| • Salutation | (Lk.1:28-29) | mature believer |
| • Son | (Lk.1:30-33) | maternity of Son of Most High |
| • Spirit | (Lk.1:34-37) | miraculous conception of virgin |
| • Servant | (Lk.1:38) | mentality of super grace believer |

This lesson will study four aspects of God's Call to Mary. God's Christmas card to us this year reads, "For nothing will be impossible with God." (Lk.1:37) -- Merry Christmas

1. The Miraculous conception of the Son of the Most High (El Elyon) was by the divine power of the Most High Father (Lk.1:32).

"A (creative work) Holy Spirit will come (eperchomai / f.m.ind.3ps) upon you, and a power (creative) of (creator) Most High (Hupsistos / gsm) will overshadow (episkiazo / f.a.ind.3ps) you; and for that reason the holy offspring (to hagios gennao / p.p.ptc.nsn) shall be called (kaleo / f.p.ind.3ps) (created) Son of God." (Lk.1:35; Acts 7:48-50)

It was predetermined at the Eternal Life Conference in eternity past that the Son of God (Jesus Christ) [prophetic humanity] would be the visible manifestation of the Most High – "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is pleased." (Lk.2:14; Heb.1:3; Col.2:9)

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name **Immanuel**, which translated means, 'God with us.'" (Matt.1:23; Isa.7:14)

2. Gabriel's messianic message to Mary reveals three parts to his sermon: the Christ part and the Mary part and the OUR part.

The Christ **part** of the sermon has five "He will (future tenses)" (Lk.1:32-33).

- He **will be great**
- He **will be called** the Son of the Most High
- The Lord God **will give** Him the throne of His father David
- He **will reign** over the house of Jacob forever
- His kingdom **will have no end.**

The Christ part is the content that Mary must cycle by faith in order to participate in the plan of God as revealed to her.

The **Mary part** is the practical or faith cycle side of the sermon – “The angel said to Mary.” (Lk.1:28, 30).

There are two “**Mary parts**” to Gabriel’s sermon.

- **The first** “Mary part” has these five things in the sermon: do not be afraid, found favor, will conceive, will bear, and will name Him Jesus (Lk.1:30-31).
- **The second** “Mary part” resulted from her question (Lk.1:34) that added two more things.
 - The Holy Spirit will come upon **you**
 - The power of the Most High will overshadow **you**; and for this reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God (Lk.1:35).

The “OUR part” is the entire contents of the passage (Lk.1:26-38) for us to cycle by faith in order to participate in the plan of God.

3. **Gabriel told Mary that her first child would be the Son of the Most High (Lk.1:32).**

This name in Hebrew is **El Elyon** (Most High or Supreme God). We will examine the use of this title for God in five passages.

First, it was used in eternity past in association with Satan rebellion (Isa.14:14) [Satan]; Lk.8:28 and Acts 16:16-17) [demons identity of Jesus].

Second, it was used by the priest Melchizedek to Abraham (Gen.14:16-20; Heb.7:1-3; Gal.3:16) [seed].

Third, it was used in the fourth oracle of Balaam regarding the messianic Star of Jacob that brought the Wise Men from the East (Num.24:15-19; 16-17; Matt.2:1-6).

Fourth, it was used in a prophetic dream of King Nebuchadnezzar regarding the rulership of Christ (Dan.4:1-3, 17-37 [17, 24, 25, 32, 34, 37] (the King of Heaven).

Fifth, it was used by Gabriel to forecast the incarnation of Jesus as the Son of the Most High God – “He will be called the Son of the Most High.” (Lk.1:32).

4. **Mary was chosen for this important ministry in the plan of God because she was the “Favored one”! (charitoo / perf.p.ptc) (Lk.1:28)**

“For you have found (heurisko / a.a.ind.2ps) favor (charis) with God.” (Lk.1:30)

This is a phrase that implies her spiritual growth status as a super grace believer. By super grace, we mean she had reached and was maintaining spiritual growth maturity (meat doctrines and consistent application of the word of God (Heb.5:14).

What is interesting is that Zachariah was a mature believer but NOT a super grace believer. Yet as a priest in service, he responded with doubt and unbelief (Lk.1:18-20) while Mary responded – “Be it done to me according to your word.” (Lk.1:38)

She was God’s first choice because God was her first choice in all her relationships - “undistracted devotion to the Lord.” (1 Cor.7:35; Ps.40:8; 143:10)