

GABRIEL'S DOCTRINAL LESSON TO MARY

In our last study we discussed Mary receiving a special Christmas card from God and delivered by the Archangel, Gabriel (Luke 1:26-38).

This lesson will study four aspects of Gabriel's Doctrinal Lesson to Mary.

Gabriel's lesson is in response to Mary's question regarding having a son - "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" (Lk.1:34)

1. When you look closer, you see that Gabriel's message was directed to three parties: Mary (you), the Holy Child (He), and The Holy Spirit.

Mary

- (Lk.1:28-29) And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord *is* with you."
(Lk.1:30) The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.
(Lk.1:31) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.
(Lk.1:34) Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"
(Lk.1:38) And Mary said, "Behold, the bond slave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Holy Child

- (Lk.1:32) He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;
(Lk.1:33) and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

Holy Spirit

- (Lk.1:35) The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason, the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.
(Lk.1:36-37) And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God."

2. Now we will examine Gabriel's doctrinal lesson to Mary by four homiletic points.

1st - Holy Spirit conception and child's divine name

- (Lk.1:35) "And for that reason the **Holy Child** shall be called the Son of God."

For what reason?

- "The Holy Spirit will come upon you (Matt.1:20-21),
- And the power of the Most High will overshadow you."

2nd - Holy Appointment (Eccl.3:1-2) of two important miraculous conceptions

- (Lk.1:36) "**And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.**"

3rd - Holy Ageless Truth

- (Lk.1:37) “For nothing will be impossible with God.”

4th - Holy Word’s Faith

- (Lk.1:38) “Behold, the bond slave of the Lord; **may it be done to me according to your word.**”

3. When Gabriel presented God’s Directive Will to Mary, he revealed three important unconditional classifications of His Directive Will.

- **The Geographical Will of God**

- (Lk.1:26) “Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth.”

- **The Mental Will of God**

- (Lk.1:27) “To a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary.”

- **The Operational Will of God**

- (Lk.1:28, 38) “Greeting, favored one! The Lord is with you.”
- (Lk.1:28) “Behold, the bond slave of the Lord; may it be done to me according your word.”

4. Gabriel explained to Mary that the Holy Child would have two fathers - and neither of them would be Joseph

(Matt.1:16) Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

- **TWO FATHERS**

- (Lk.1:32) “He will be great and will be called the **Son of the Most High**”

- **TWO THRONES**

- (Lk.1:35) “and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His **father David**”.

(Acts 2:33) “**Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God** and received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured forth this which you both see and hear.”

(Acts 2:29-36) “Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT *one* OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, ³¹ he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. ³² This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. ³⁴ For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, ³⁵ UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.’” ³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and ^[h]Christ - this Jesus whom you crucified.”

(Heb1:3) ³And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

(Heb.8:1) “Now the main point in what has been said *is this*: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens”,