**THE GOSPEL IN 3D: The Father’s Choice Mother**

# Luke 1:26-38 & 46-55

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***The Father’s Choice Mother is***

***An Example for All Mothers.***

1. See the Need of **Grace** (46-47).
2. See the Value of **Purity** (24, 35, & 37).
3. Cultivate the Character of **Humility** (38).
4. Practice the Heart of **Worship** (46-55).
5. Live with Eyes of **Faith** (36-38).
6. Value the Knowledge God’s **Word** (46-55).

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***26****In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,* ***27****to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.* ***28****And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”* ***29****But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.* ***30****And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.* ***31****And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.* ***32****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,* ***33****and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”* ***34*** *And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”* ***35****And the angel answered her, “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.* ***36****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.* ***37****For nothing will be impossible with God.”* ***38****And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.*

***46****And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,* ***47****and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,* ***48****for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;* ***49****for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.* ***50****And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.* ***51****He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;* ***52****he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;* ***53****he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.* ***54****He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,* ***55****as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”* (ESV).

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***Quote for the Week. . .***

**by Unknown Author**

*“She has a more influential and powerful role than any political, military, religious or educational figure. Her words are never fully forgotten. If you were blessed with a good mother, you will enjoy the advantages for the rest of your days. If your mother neglected you and her responsibilities, unfortunately the impact is almost certainly still felt today. Whether it’s good or whether it’s evil, a mother’s impact is permanent. A child’s mother is arguably the most influential figure in their life, giving credence to the old adage: the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.”*

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

*These questions are for further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here:* [*www.centralchurch.com/groups*](http://www.centralchurch.com/groups)

1. *The Mary of Scripture sees her intense need for the grace of God. How is this contrasted to other inaccurate views of Mary? What are some of the unbiblical and heretical teachings we should be aware of surrounding Mary today?*
2. *Today, Mary shows us some of the exemplary values in God’s choice of a mother. Which one stood out to you to grow in (women) or celebrate (men)?*
3. *Mary was a student and lover of the Word of God. In verses 46-55, she alludes to many Old Testament scripture passages. How does this challenge you to grow in your knowledge of the Word of God?*