

Are You Ready for Christmas?

11.27.22

Luke 1:26-39

Week 1 outline

Preparing for the Promise: The Son of God

I. The Promise of God:

- A. *"He will be great"*
- B. *"And he will be called the Son of the Most High"*
- C. *"The Lord will give him the throne of his father David"*
- D. *"He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever"*
- E. *"His kingdom will have no end"*

II. The Response of Mary:

- A. A response of SURRENDERING
"I am the Lord's servant"
- B. A response of AGREEMENT
"May it be to me"
- C. A response that is TIMELY
"At that time Mary got ready"
- D. A response that is WITHOUT HASTE
"so Mary hurried off"

A PREPARATION OF FAITH IS A RESPONSE TO THE PROMISE OF GOD
...AND WE PREPARE WITH EXPECTANCY.

III. Preparing for the Promise by Expecting:

- A. We Surrender to His power
- B. We Consent to His plan
- C. We Move at His pace
- D. We Advance with His providence
-with our eyes fixed on Jesus

FAITH-FILLED EXPECTANCY IS RESPONDING
IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ASSURANCE
THAT NO WORD FROM GOD WILL EVER FAIL.

IV. The Fulfillment of the Promise:

A. It was Jesus whose life was one of complete Surrender

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. -1 John 3:16

B. It was Jesus whose will remained fully consented to the Father

"Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does" -John 5:19

C. It was Jesus whose motivation remained in his Father's timing

"At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come" -John 7:30

D. It was Jesus who walked without haste

"As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem." -Luke 9:51

JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR PROMISE;
HE'S THE FIRST ACTION, THE LAST ACT, AND THE ONLY ONE THAT ALLOWS US TO
RESPOND WITH EXPECTANCY.