

THE PROMISE CONCEIVED Luke 1:26-55

What to do with shocking information...

- Joseph gave a **silent** message
- Mary gave a **submissive** message

1) God's **Word** – you must **believe it**.

- a) What God says to us might be **confusing** (v. 29).
- b) What God says to us might **cause fear** (v. 30).
- c) What God says to us might **create questions** (v. 34).
Mary's question sets an example: you can ask God questions about **how He does things**, but you can't question God about **what He does** (Romans 9:20).

Note two reasons for virgin birth..

- (a) The problem of **original sin**.
- (b) The prophecy of **virgin birth**.
It had to be...

2) God's **Will** – you just **surrender** to it.

- a) What God plans may change **your plans** (v. 26-27).
- b) What God plans may change your **social standing**.
- c) What God plans may challenge your **understanding** (v. 35).

3) God's **Worship** – you just rejoice in **God's favor**.

- a) Worship is preceded by faith and **obedience**.
- b) Worship is experienced in **finding favor**.
 - i) God was **in Mary** (v. 28).
 - ii) Mary was **in God** (v. 46-47).
- c) Worship is expressed in **full submission** to His will.

But is the promise conceived in you?

Colossians 1:27-29 - *To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.* ²⁸ *Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.* ²⁹ *To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.*

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