

# The Divine Role of Mothers in Saving the World

**Text: Luke 1:26-38 (NASB)**

<sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord *is* with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and was pondering what kind of greeting this was. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> "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; <sup>33</sup> and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." <sup>34</sup> But Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; for that reason also the holy Child will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth herself has conceived a son in her old age, and she who was called infertile is now in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> "For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, the Lord's bond-servant; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

## 1) Mothers' Divine Role of Saving the World is Seen in Mary.

Spiritual characteristics of Mary, the mother of Jesus, are characterized by profound faith, humility, and strength, exemplified by her willing surrender to God's will.

- And Mary said, "Behold, the Lord's bond-servant; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:38)

## 2) A Model of Obedience and Devotion.

She navigated extreme challenges with quiet courage, from the Annunciation from the angel Gabriel to witnessing the crucifixion.

- Luke 1:26-38 (CSB)
- John 19:25-27 (CSB)

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<sup>25</sup> Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."

## Key Spiritual Characteristics of Mary Include:

**Profound Humility and Meekness:** Mary saw herself as a humble servant ("handmaid") of the Lord, displaying complete pliability to God's plan, which made her a fitting vessel for the Messiah.

**Unwavering Faith and Trust:** She trusted God's word completely, even when the news brought disruption and danger

**Quiet Strength and Courage:** She is seen as strong as iron, enduring the terrifying appearance of Gabriel (Luke 1:30)

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## 3) The Challenges of Bearing the Savior, and the Profound Grief at the Cross

- "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. (Luke 1:31)

## 4) She is described as a woman who kept and pondered events in her heart, reflecting a deep spiritual inner life and meditation on God's works

- But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. (Luke 2:19)

## 5) A Worshipper of God:

- She demonstrates that her spirit rejoiced in God her Savior, directing all praise to Him.
- A Model of Intercession

### Luke 1:46-48 (NASB)

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord, <sup>47</sup> And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

<sup>48</sup> "For He has had regard for the humble state of His bond-servant; For behold, from now *on* all generations will call me blessed.

**Mary is recognized as one of the greatest people in scripture; a devoted, loving and courageous figure whose life was wholly centered on fulfilling God's purpose.**

### RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:

#### 1. HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

#### 2. BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

#### 3. REPENT ~ Luke 13:3

I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.

#### 4. CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

#### 5. BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

#### 6. BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH ~ Revelation 2:10

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.