

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
(Luke 1:26-38; Zech 4:6,7)

Every word from our Holy God is a Divine invitation to be drawn up into His Holy activity. That is made no more clear than in Gabriel’s announcement from God to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Her willingness to be acted upon by Holy God – “may it be done to me according to Your word” – resulted in the “Holy offspring” named Jesus.

The only kind of “offspring”/“children” born of Holy, Holy, Holy God... are “HOLY OFFSPRING”! Sacred, unique, eternal. Born from above, born holy, born anew. God’s new creation children are no more rehabbed, old children than any newborn baby is a rehabbed, old baby! By the recreative activity of God applied to every believer in His Son Jesus Christ, we receive the right (the privilege and the responsibility) to become the children of our Holy God. (Jo 1:12) To become newly created “holy offspring”!

The Scripture says that Jesus is “the firstborn of many brethren” (Ro 8:29). He was the first-born of His kind – a human life enlivened by God’s indwelling and holy Life – with many to follow. He shared in the family likeness of man. He shared in the family likeness of God. Mary’s cooperation – we call that faith – with God’s operation – we call that grace – resulted in a “virgin birth”. Without the contribution of any other man, without any self-generation, the activity of Holy God was born and expressed through her humble consent, her responsive cooperation, her personal willingness to be acted upon by Holy, Holy, Holy God. Holy issuance, Holy manifestation, Holy “offspring” occurred as the result.

Every time we say “Yes, Lord. May it be done to me according to Your word,” the holy action of God goes to work in us. A holy Word of the Lord is born in us. A holy work of God is released through us. There is no self-generated holiness. There are no self- made, holy works. There is no self-produced fruit of the Holy Spirit. “Apart from Me (and My Holy character)... you can do nothing (holy)!” (Jo 15:5) Every new creation life, every truly good deed, every godly work, every holy fruit... is a “virgin birth!”

Holiness expressed in and through God’s children is never “by (human) might nor by (men’s) power, but by My (Holy) Spirit” says the Lord (Zech 4:6). How will we know it is God’s holiness finding His expression in or through us?” See Zechariah 4:7 – there will be shouts of “Grace! Grace!” accompanying God’s holy character in motion in and through us! There will be a beauty, an elegance, a sense of Godly “favor” upon the issuance of God’s holy character. (With or without the applause or favor of man!) For we, of all people, will come to recognize what is “not I”... not of our own effort. And, come to realize what is “but Christ”... He being His Holy self in and through us!



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Greetings

Most everyone is aware of the angel Gabriel's birth announcement to Mary of Nazareth. His interruptive message from God is an invitation into the very plans and purposes of God, into the creative power of God. I'm not sure, however, we fully grasp how this "uninvited angel" is a divine interruption of such major proportions! Upon Mary's consent, her cooperation with God's operation, she will never be able to go back to life as it once was.

I'm betting most of us will experience some kind of "uninvited angel" in the year to come. Perhaps a medical report, a financial loss, a relational trauma, a late night phone call... an interruption of not minor magnitude! Let's be prepared to respond in the way of Mary - pure honesty, pure humility, and a willingness to be acted upon by the Giver of Life.

Pure Honesty: "How will I ever _____?" Remember, "How will" questions have "He will" answers (Lk 1:34,35). "He will envelop you and you will find out there is no interruptive word from God without His power" (Lk 1:37).

Pure Humility: Bow before Him with the prayer of union - "May it be done to me according to Your Word" (Lk 1:38). Then wait upon the Lord (Is 40:31) until His divine word, His good work, His holy fruitfulness is born in and through you.

A Willingness to be a Home of the Miracle Worker: Our willingness to be acted upon by God in (maybe even

because of) the circumstance draws us up into His activity.





And what is that divinely initiated, divinely empowered, divinely supplied activity? Being "conformed to the image of His Son" (Ro 8:28-29)! Let's not miss, let's not resist any of His uninvited angels in the days to come.

Calendar

JANUARY

13	Alachua Study
27	Ocala Study
30- <u>FEB</u> 1	Tyler, TX (903-530-8335)

Praise & Prayer

-  For "uninvited angels" – God's Holy revelation that opens the door to human consent
-  For our new creation lives that are born holy in Christ
-  To embrace and employ "the prayer of union" in all of life's interruptions
-  Unmistakable revelation for those who stand in need of knowing Jesus Christ as Life, Lover, and Lord