## THE GODLY EXAMPLE OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS LUKE 1:26ff, JOHN 19:25-27, ACTS 1:12-14

#### **INTRODUCTION**

## I. MARY WAS A WOMAN OF GODLY CHARACTER! (Luke 1:28)

- A. She Was A Woman Of Purity!
  - 1. She Was A Virgin. (1:27, 34) It is almost a forgotten word in this present day! Proverbs 31:10–"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."

## 2. She Became A Faithful Wife And Mother. Proverbs 31:11–"The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil."

- B. She Was A Woman Of Godliness! (1:28) She Found Favour With God!
  - 1. She Was Saved! (Vs 47; Cf. Hebrews 11:6)
  - 2. She Honored Her Father And Mother!

Ephesians 6:1-3–"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) **That it may be well with thee**, and that thou mayest live long on the earth."

# 3. She Was Faithful To The House Of God! (The Synagogue/The Temple)

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- a. Hearing What God Commanded. (The-Law)
- b. Doing What God Commanded. (Sacrifices)

## 4. She Obeyed From The Heart! (Vs 38)

*Isaiah 1:11– "To what purpose is the multitude of our sacrifices unto me?"* 

God is not looking for a mechanical ritual performance of duty!

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#### 5. She Controlled Her Tongue!

Proverbs 31:26–"She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness."

James 1:26—"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but decieveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

#### 6. She Wasn't Lazy!

*Proverbs 31:27–"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."* 

## 7. She Meditated On The Word!

- a. 1:29.
- b. 2:18-19.
- c. 2:49-51.
- 8. She Believed God For The Impossible! (1:37-38, 45)

## 9. She Did Not Resist The Will Of God! (1:38)

- a. She did not understand what being the mother of Jesus would involve.
- b. She surrendered herself to be used anyway God wanted.
- C. She Was A Woman Of Humility And Praise! (1:46-55)
  - 1. She Did Not Exalt Herself!
  - 2. She Made No Claim To Fame!
  - 3. She Glorified God!
    - a. By Life.
    - b. By Lip.

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#### II. MARY WAS A WOMAN OF GODLY CONCERN!

- A. She Was Concerned With Her Child's Spiritual Welfare!
  - 1. She Obeyed The Word Of God. (2:21-24)
    - a. With Regard To Her Self.
    - b. With Regard To Her Child.
  - 2. She Was Faithful To The Things Of God. (2:41-42)
- B. She Was Concerned With Her Child's Physical Welfare! (2:43-52; Luke 2:34-35; John 19:25-27)
- C. She Was Concerned With Her Child's Emotional Welfare!

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III. MARY WAS A WOMAN OF GODLY CONTINUANCE! (Acts 1:12-14)

After Jesus was crucified, it would have been easy for her to quit, but she didn't!

- A. She Had Poured Her Life Into Jesus Preparing Him For His Mission!
- B. She Did Not Try To Change His Mission!
- C. She Stood Helpless At The Cross!
- **D. She Suffered Torment With Jesus!** "A-sword shall pierce through thy own soul"
- E. She Did Not Forsake Her Son!
  - 1. She Did Not Forsake Him In His Youth!
  - 2. She Did Not Forsake Him In His Life!
  - 3. She Did Not Forsake Him In His Death!
- F. She Did Not Forsake Her God!

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## CONCLUSION

What this world needs are more mothers like Mary, the mother of Jesus!

- I. WE NEED MOTHERS WITH GODLY CHARACTER!
  - A. We Need Women Of Purity!
    - 1. Before Marriage!
    - 2. After Marriage!
  - B. We Need Women Of Godliness!
    - 1. Women Who Are Saved!
    - 2. Women Who Will Honor Their Parents!
    - 3. Women Who Will Be Faithful To The House Of God!
    - 4. Women Who Will Obey God From The Heart!
    - 5. Women Who Will Control The Tongue!
    - 6. Women Who Refuse To Be Lazy!
    - 7. Women Who Meditate On The Word!
    - 8. Women Who Will Believe God And His Word!
    - 9. Women Who Will Submit To The Will Of God!
  - C. We Need Women Of Humility And Praise! Glorifying God by life and by lip!

## *II. WE NEED MOTHERS WITH GODLY CONCERN!*

- A. Concerned About Their Children's Spiritual Welfare!
- B. Concerned About Their Children's Physical Welfare!
- C. Concerned About Their Children's Emotional Welfare!
- III. WE NEED MOTHERS WITH GODLY CONTINUANCE!
  - A. Faithful In Spite Of The Hardship!
  - B. Faithful In Spite Of The Hurting!

It Comes By Salvation! It Comes By Surrender! It Comes By Sanctification! It Comes By Service!