God Works With Humble People

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
(James 4:6)

The birth of the Lord Jesus Christ is one of the great events in the Bible and one of the outmost things God had done. God sent his Son Jesus Christ to save us. Truly Jesus Christ died for our sins on the cross; He was buried but rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him.

But for God to achieve such event He used humble and obedient people who yielded themselves fully for the work of the Holy Spirit and through them God achieve a great miracle.

- 1- Joseph: "This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with a child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you are to give Him a name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and they will call Him Immanuel -which means God with us. When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave Him the name Jesus." (Matthew 1:18-25) Joseph as a good example he was put in a very embarrassing situation, a pregnant woman with out marriage; although he thought about it much but finally he bear it and he did all what the Lord had commanded him. Likewise we need to do diligently what he Lord had commanded us
- 2- <u>Mary</u>: "In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her. "Do not be afraid, Mary you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His Father David and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, His kingdom will never end.

"How will this be." Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God. "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her." (Luke 1:26-38) Mary is a virgin girl, and God requested her to be pregnant even with out a husband. That was not only an impossible thing to happen but it was a hard task for her; how to face the people and what to say to them and who would believe, a pregnant woman with out marriage. But she trusted God who empowered her to go on and persevere in her service unto Him. We ought to follow her example; to believe God even for the impossible things and to bear with Him and persevere until the task is done.

3- The Shepherds: "And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favour rest." When the angel had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told about." So they hurried of and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them." (Luke 2: 8-18) The shepherds God revealed to them the good news about His Son Jesus. He is the Saviour of the world and they responded to God's call for them to spread the word concerning Him. We ought to do the same to preach the good news about Jesus to those who are away from Him.

My dear and beloved: God till this day is searching fro humble, obedient and faithful people who have faith in Him to do His work and the task entrusted to them.

My prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died for my sins on the cross and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. I thank you for your word and what had revealed to me from secrets. Humble me Lord, and <u>may</u> it be to me as you have said. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.