

The Way To Be Blessed

(Part 9)

“As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.”²⁸ He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” (Luke 11:27-28)

People and you might be one of them, have different standard to evaluate the blessings of the Lord. People have their own ways but the word of God teaches us the sound thing and helps us to be in line with the truth and it shows us the clear way that we need to follow in our lives.

Here we found a woman said to the Lord Jesus Christ, **“Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.”** That woman she said that because Jesus was teaching and declaring to the people the deep thing of God. That woman she said about Mary she is blessed because according to her opinion she will not hear Jesus speaking the word of God and the truth to the people without Mary his mother had carried Him and gave Him birth and nursed Him.

You can see clearly how people link things with wrong concepts and reasons. Jesus is God, the Creature who created everything including His mother Mary.

Now truly Mary is blessed and the bible tells us that as we can read the word of God in **Luke 1: 46-48** ⁴⁶ **And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed.”**

But why Mary is a blessed woman? Mary was blessed not because she carried Jesus and nursed Him. All women do that and care for their children. Jesus said **“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”** Mary is blessed because she heard the word of God and obeyed it.

God called Mary because He needs a woman to carry and give birth to Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ is God the Son, and He is hundred percent God and He is hundred percent man. Therefore He needs to be born as human by a woman. The call of Mary and the birth of Jesus were as the following: ²⁶ **In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.²⁸ The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.³² 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,³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” (Luke 1:26-33)** Mary achieved the following points when God called her.

1- Mary accepted the risk of God’s calling: When God called her to be pregnant with Jesus she was not yet married and the fact that to be discovered by the society she is pregnant without marriage is very dangerous for her because the people may even stone her for that. When God called her to serve Him and to do His will she accepted the task even it might be dangerous for her to pursue God’s call. You will be blessed when you accept God’s call and take even the risk to serve Him.

2- Mary accepted the possible shame that she may receive from accepting God’s call and in serving Him: The people who were around Mary may look down on her and despised her, especially her family and the people who are neighbour to her. Some time God’s calling put you in embarrassing situations, people may not understand you or they will not accept what God is doing in your life and they might look down on you and even may laugh on you. God sometimes ask so embarrassing things from us to do but we should not be ashamed and think what the people around us will say and what our families and relatives speak about us. For this reason Paul wrote the following: **“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” (Luke 1:16-17)** You don’t need to consider or think what the people will speak against you if you are going to go forward and obey the Lord. You need to please God, obey Him and walk in His ways.

3- Mary did not doubt God and she fully trusted Him for her life: When God called her she did not doubt what God can do and how she can become pregnant without a man. She asked only for explanation of how God will do it when she said. **“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” (Luke 1:34)** She just wanted to know how, and she received the answer, **“The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on 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.” (Luke 1:35)** When God is calling you don’t doubt but trust him and obey him fully **“For nothing is impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37)**

4- Mary fully surrendered to God’s Word, His call and good will: Mary opened her heart fully to God therefore everything was explained to her adequately. After all the assurance that she received from the message of the Lord her final statement that bound her with a covenant with God is the following: **“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” (Luke 1:38)** Such words or statement pleased the Lord and satisfied Him, and in response He poured out His blessings tremendously upon her. In the same way open your heart fully to God and you will be really satisfied with God’s message and how God will work it miraculously for you. Therefore God wants you to trust Him and rely fully on Him.

My Dear and Beloved: Jesus said, **“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.” (John 12:26)** Chose today to listen to the message of God to you and obey Him and you will be blessed as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your call to me to serve you. Lord equips me and provides all my needs. I am fully commit myself into your service, **“I am the Lord’s servant,” “May it be to me as you have said,”** this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.