KING FOR ALL #3

Luke's Gospel

Reversal

Luke 1:26-56



A. SERMON POINTS

- 1. A young woman in Nazareth
- 2. A message from God
- 3. A song of praise

B. DISCUSSION STARTER

Do most people believe we live in a "closed" universe governed by "natural laws", or a universe that is under the control and influence of God? How does this presupposition influence how they live?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

V55. Note again God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 22:17-18.

How many features of the person and mission of the promised child can be discerned in the words of the angel? (v31-33, 35) Compare God's promise to King David, a descendant of Abraham, in 2 Samuel 7:9, 12-16*

What does Mary's song reveal about:

- The character of God
- His way of working among people?
- How were these truths demonstrated in the way of Christ's coming?

Compare Mary's response to the angel's message with that of Zechariah. (v45) What did Mary's response involve? How could we imitate Mary's response to God's Word?

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

We don't live in a "closed" universe. Our universe was created by God and is sustained and governed by God. Luke's Gospel confirms this.

Jesus is God's promised King who will rule forever over God's Kingdom. How is Jesus' absolute authority a threat to many people?

What does God using seemingly impossible circumstances demonstrate? (v37) How could this encourage you as you consider your own weaknesses and disappointments?

How does Mary's Song of Praise help you to praise God for his work in history and your own life?

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

Please pray for our Women's ministry, particularly that the women in our church would grow in their walk with the Lord.

^{*}Jesus, of course, committed no iniquity, but 2 Samuel 7:15-16 point to the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ where our iniquity was laid upon Jesus.