

“Christmas Faces Of Faith: Mary”

Luke 1:26-55

INTRO: Smith’s Bible Dictionary states, “In a word, so far as Mary is portrayed to us in Scripture, she is, as we should have expected, the most tender, the most faithful, humble, patient, and loving woman.” After all, who would God pick but a virtuous woman (Proverbs 31). She is indeed a very obvious face of faith.

I. FAITH REVEALED IN HER SELECTION - Lk. 1:28, 30

1. Due To God’s Choice
2. Due To God’s Call

II. HER FAITH IS REVEALED IN HER SUBMISSION Lk. 1:38

1. Expressed By Her Humility
2. Expressed By Her Bravery

III. IN HER SALVATION Lk. 1:47, 49-50

1. The Indication Of Her Salvation
2. The Implication Of Her Salvation

IV. HER FAITH IS REVEALED IN HER SPIRIT-FILLING Lk. 1:46-50

1. Seen In Her Priority
2. Seen In Her Perspective

V. HER FAITH IS REVEALED IN HER SURITY Lk. 1:51-55

1. Because Of God’s Past Record
2. Because Of God’s Promises

CONCL: Mary’s place in God’s plan has been grossly exaggerated by some, and sadly ignored by others. But a solid biblical approach reveals a woman of faith, greatly used by God. May her virtue and valor caused by her faith challenge us all!

“Christmas Faces Of Faith: Joseph”

Matthew 1:18-25

INTRO: Much is made of the Child in the manger and the mother at His side in legend, painting, and sculpture. The two take center stage in our modern, and often worldly Christmas re-enactments. Yet, there was man there, just as chosen by God as Mary, just as critical to the plan of God as Mary, and, for us, just as much a face of faith at Christmas as Mary—the just man, Joseph.

I. THE HERITAGE OF HIS FAITH

1. He Is A Son Of Abraham Ge. 22:18
2. He Is A Son Of David 2 Sa. 7:12-17; Ps. 89:14
3. He Is A Son Of Jeconiah Je. 22:24-30; Mt. 1:16; Lk. 3:23
4. He Is A Son Of Four Faith-Filled Women
 - (1) Tamar Ge. 38:11-30
 - (2) Rahab Jo. 2:6; 6:22; He. 11:31
 - (3) Ruth De. 23:3
 - (4) Bathsheba 2 Sa. 11:1 - 12:25

II. THE HEART FROM HIS FAITH

1. He Loved Mary
2. He Love His Family
 - 1a. Evidenced By His Run For Egypt
 - 2a. Evidence By His Return From Egypt

III. THE HOLINESS BECAUSE OF HIS FAITH

1. Testified By Scripture Mt. 1:19
2. Testified By Submission Mt. 1:25
3. Testified By Spirit-Leading Mt. 2:13, 19
 - (1) As Regards Mary
 - (2) As Regards Jesus
 - (3) As Regards Bethlehem

CONCL: Chosen by God, used greatly by God, and now placed before us by God as a man of faith who should challenge us as we serve his adopted son, Jesus.