

Encountering the God of Christmas

Luke 1:26-38

Context: In the city in Galilee named Nazareth, the angel Gabriel appears to a young virgin named Mary to announce that she will bear the messiah.

As you encounter the God of Christmas...

I. _____ **Not (vs. 26-30a)**

- a. Throughout the Christmas story, God commanded all to not be afraid:
 - i. Joseph (Matthew 1:20)
 - ii. Zechariah (Luke 1:13)
 - iii. The Shepherds (Luke 2:10)
- b. Because of Christmas, we now have nothing to fear.

II. _____ **Favor with Him (vs. 30b-33)**

- a. Mary was an obedient woman of faith, and we cannot please God apart from faith.
- b. It is through faith in Jesus that we are brought into favor with God.
- c. Like Mary, we must continue in obedience to what God has commanded us to do in His Word.

III. _____ **His Limits (vs. 34-38)**

- a. That God can bring about the messiah through a virgin birth shows us that there is nothing impossible with God.
- b. That God is capable of anything is worthy of our full allegiance and obedience.
- c. Are you yielding your life today to the God who is able to do the impossible?

Important Old Testament Prophecies that are referenced in Luke 1:26-38:

Isaiah 7:14 and 2 Samuel 7:12-13