

“Advent of the Nativity” – part II

Text: Luke 1:26-56

Scripture reading: Psalm 98

I. An angelic proclamation – vv. 26-38

A) A lowly location – vs. 26

B) A submissive servant – vv. 27-30

C) A magnificent mission – vv. 31-38

Summary application:

1) Am I a _____ for the Lord?

II. An honorable calling – vv. 11-17 (Matt. 11:11)

A) Validating visit – vv. 39-41

B) Spirit support – vv. 41-44

C) Fulfilling faith – vs. 45

Summary application:

2) Do I find strength and encouragement in the _____
_____ by the Lord God?

III. An exalting expression – vv. 46-56

Four points to consider from Mary's exaltation:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Summary application:

3) Is worship my _____ for my life?

+Do I worship Him as my _____?

+Do I worship Him as my _____?

+Do I worship Him as my _____?

+Do I worship Him as the Mighty One who _____?

+Do I worship Him as my _____?

+Do I worship Him as the One who _____?

“There is such richness and goodness in this Nativity that if we should see and deeply understand, we should be dissolved in perpetual joy.” -Martin Luther

SERMON QUOTES:

Summary application #2

Pastor Kent Hughes,

“Like Mary, we must fly to the church because there we find people like Zechariah and Elizabeth who share a mutual faith, believing the same things. Mary’s faith, as great as it was, would very likely have faltered had it not been for the fellowship of Elizabeth. Therefore, we must purposely place ourselves deep within the fellowship of those who also believe God’s Word. Christians will naturally experience a mutual elevation of faith in the credo, the ‘I believes’ of the Church.”

“The visitation also instructs us in the necessity of a community of faith (the church) if we are to see Christ grow in our lives.”