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The Force is With Her
Luke 1:26-38

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The Force Vs. The Biblical Triune God

- Differences:
- Similarities:

How do we prepare ourselves for Christ's coming?

Question: Where's God?

Luke 1:35 *The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God."*

Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."*

Responding to the Promise of God's Presence (Luke 1:26-38)

I. Mary was _____ by the Promise of God's Presence.

Luke 1:26-29 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was.

II. Mary _____ the Promise of God's Presence.

Luke 1:30-34 *The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"*

III. Mary _____ the Promise of God's Presence.

Luke 1:35-38 *The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. 36 And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. How did you respond when you heard you were favored by God?
2. What would change in your life if you believed you were favored (chosen or blessed) by God?
3. Can you believe that God wants to be an active part of your life? What makes it hard for you to believe this? What makes you feel like an unlikely candidate to be chosen by God?
4. How would your life change if you believed that God wanted to give you His Spirit (presence and power)?

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