

# “The Annunciation”

## Mary’s Pursuit Of God’s Promise; And The Resulting Song

Luke 1:26-38

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). But how would you respond to God’s claim upon your heart ... your body ... your child? We have a noble example from a dear Christian saint who sought understanding, but joyfully submitted all that she hoped and all that she had to the plan of her Lord. She loved him and trusted his purposes for her implicitly by faith alone. The godly life is not a straight line to glory, but a winding trail full of hard and happy turns. Imitate Mary and yield yourself to your Creator, who will sustain you through *A Sweet and Bitter Providence*.

### I. The angel’s \_\_\_\_\_ (v 26-27 )

1. This is a story of \_\_\_\_\_: different circumstances, but \_\_\_\_\_ callings.
2. Mary was probably an \_\_\_\_\_ teen, awaiting the arrival of her \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Church of the \_\_\_\_\_: Roman and Orthodox. Place is unknown but \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. The angel’s \_\_\_\_\_ (v 28-33)

1. Mary a \_\_\_\_\_ of grace, not a \_\_\_\_\_ of grace! The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ his people.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ lays claim to your wedding, your future, your womb, your \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ he sees the End from the \_\_\_\_\_!

### III. The angel’s \_\_\_\_\_ (v 34-36)

1. Luke must be fascinated by the \_\_\_\_\_ of these words! \_\_\_\_\_ upon. Overshadow.
2. The end result: Mary will not bear a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God.
3. God graciously gives \_\_\_\_\_ of his plan, connecting Mary and Elizabeth.

### IV. The Application (v 37-38)

1. Do you believe that triumphs AND \_\_\_\_\_ are from the hand Almighty God?
2. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ for God to pull you off the side \_\_\_\_\_ and into the \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Are you growing in piety: sensitive to his \_\_\_\_\_ and yielding to his will?
4. Follow his Call and leave the \_\_\_\_\_ to him!