

# Luke 1:34-45. Mary's Visit to Elizabeth.

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*The sermon explores Mary's faith and her visit to Elizabeth, highlighting the significance of believing in God's promises amidst challenges.*

**Scripture:** Luke 1:45, John 3:16, Philippians 4:7, Hebrews 2:14, Hebrews 4:15, Hebrews 7:26

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## Description

Favell Lee Mortimer preaches about the incredible faith and obedience of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who believed the angel's extraordinary message despite the challenges and doubts she would face. Mary's willingness to accept God's plan, even in the face of potential ridicule and hardship, demonstrates her deep trust in God's promises. When Mary visited Elizabeth, the older woman confirmed her faith in Mary's role as the mother of the Lord, highlighting the importance of believing in God's promises and the blessings that come with faith.

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## Transcript

The angel had told Mary of the great power and glory of the Son she should have. He next told her of the holiness of his nature. His body was to be miraculously formed by the power of the Holy Spirit; though born of a human mother. Jesus had flesh and blood like ourselves, (Hebrews 2:14;) and he was subject to all our bodily weaknesses; he needed food and sleep; he suffered pain; he shed tears and sweat drops of blood; but he was without sin; (Heb. 4:15:) he was "holy, harmless, undefiled." (Heb. 7:26.) Such was the child of whom Mary was to be the mother! Were such wonderful tidings ever delivered to any human creature, as were then spoken to Mary? Yet she believed. Her faith was greater than that of Zacharias; and she received no rebuke from the angel.

What a prospect lay before her! Many would disbelieve her story, and treat her with contempt. Yet Mary was willing to bear the trial. She said, "Be it unto me according to your word." God often makes those suffer most deeply whom he designs to honor most highly. When God intends that people should do much good to souls, (and this is one of the highest honors,) he often permits suspicion to be cast upon their characters; but at length he clears their innocence.

Mary had heard from the angel of the mercy shown to Elizabeth; and she went immediately to see her.

How interesting it is to hear what happened when these two holy women met! There was a great difference between their ages. Elizabeth was very old--Mary was not old--it is probable she was very

young. Yet she was far more highly honored than her aged relative. The old are often envious of the young; but the pious Elizabeth was ready to do honor to Mary. When she saw her, she spoke by the power of the Holy Spirit, and acknowledged her as the mother of the Lord.

It must have comforted Mary to find that Elizabeth also believed in the things that were coming to pass. How it must have rejoiced her, to hear her say, "Blessed is she who has believed."

These words do not apply to Mary alone; but to everyone that believes. What ought we to believe? All the promises of God.

He has promised to cast out none who come to him, but to give them everlasting life. If we believe this promise, we shall come to him. If we have come to him, how many precious promises belong to us! God has promised to hear our prayers, to make all things work together for our good, to deliver us out of every temptation, and to give us, even in this life, peace which passes all understanding. Those who trust in these promises find there is a performance of the things that were told them. It was a good answer that was once given by a poor woman to a minister who asked her, "What is faith?" She replied, "I am ignorant--I cannot answer well--but I think faith is taking God at his word."

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