

As the Heavens are Higher than the Earth
Luke 1:26-38

A consistent emphasis in Scripture is the vast difference between the way humans _____ and God's _____. It should not surprise us then that when God's word came to people in the Bible, His plans and purposes always _____ their wisdom and reason.

God sent Gabriel to inform Mary of God's decision concerning her. Mary was confused, deliberative, and fearful. It was the _____, not the _____ that troubled her. First, she wondered why God would choose a teenage peasant girl from an insignificant town like Nazareth. We choose people based on _____ or _____. God chooses people as an act of grace.

Even more troubling to Mary was the fact that she was a virgin. God's word to her was humanly, biologically _____. Gabriel answered: "The _____ will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." This is always how we are able to participate in God's calling in our lives. "Not by might nor by power but by _____ says the Lord" (Zech. 4:6).

Gabriel offered _____ that God could do what He said He would do in Mary's life. Elizabeth, the woman of whom it was said she _____, was 6 mo. pregnant—proof that no word from God can _____.

God offers us proof too. Jesus promised to build a church impervious to the gates of Hell. Look no further than the _____-part of that church which God has raised up from a Founder Who was _____ and a small band of followers who _____ in fear after His death. 2000 years later, Jesus has _____ billion followers representing from 28-31% of the population of the world. Impossible! But no word God can fail.

Mary's final response is important: "Behold, the _____ of the Lord. May it happen to me according to _____."

That is all that is required for you to become God's _____ and God's _____. Simply _____ to His word and He will do it _____.