

## The Promise of Hope

Luke 1:26-28

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

"My dream is of a place and time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth." --Abraham Lincoln

1. Mary **heard** God with all her heart. (Luke 1:34-35)

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 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."

2. Mary **obeyed** God with all her heart. (Luke 1:38-40)

And Mary said, "Behold, the bond slave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

3. Mary **praised** God with all her heart. (Luke 1:46-48)

And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. "For He has had regard for the humble state of His bond slave; For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.

4. Mary engaged God with all her heart. (Luke 1:49-50)

"For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name." "AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM."

