



THE MIRACLE IN YOU



²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. ²⁷He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. ²⁸The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!" ²⁹Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you.

Luke 1:26-38 (GNT)

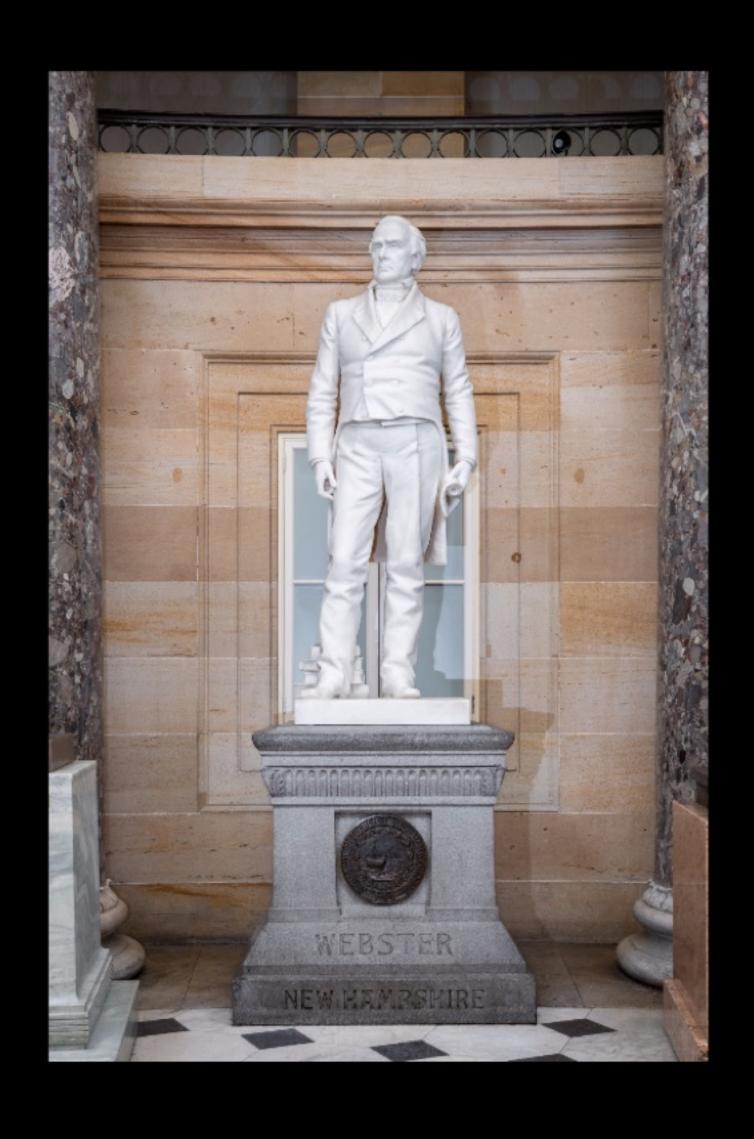
³¹You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, ³³and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end!" ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "I am a virgin. How, then, can this be?" ³⁵The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:26-38 (GNT)

³⁶Remember your relative Elizabeth. It is said that she cannot have children, but she herself is now six months pregnant, even though she is very old. ³⁷For there is nothing that God cannot do." ³⁸I am the Lord's servant," said Mary; "may it happen to me as you have said." And the angel left her.

Luke 1:26-38 (GNT)

Daniel Webster 1782-1852



Webster, the creator of Webster's Dictionary, was once sitting with some of the greatest literary minds of his time.

The topic of Christianity came up, and Webster testified to his Christian faith.

One said to him, "How can you comprehend how Christ could be both God and man?"

Webster replied, "I can't. If I could comprehend Him, He would be no greater than myself. I feel that I need a super-human savior."

The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son.

John 1:14 (GNT)

THE MIRACLE OF POWER

It Was the Spirit of God That Launched and Maintains Creation

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:2 (ESV)

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

Psalm 104:30 (ESV)

The Same Spirit at Work Maintaining Creation is the Same Spirit At Work in Our Lives

He is A Helper (John 14:26)

He is A Comforter (John 14:26)

He is A Baptizer (Matthew 3:11, Acts 2:8)

He is A Filler (Ephesians 5:18)

"The Holy Spirit is like Electricity. Henry Ford, the maker of the Ford car, used thousands of workers, working at machines powered by electricity, to actually do the work of making them. In the same manner, God the Father is Creator. But He 'created all things by Jesus Christ.' Jesus is the Word. It is written, 'He spake, and it was done' (Psalm 33:9). God tells Christ what to do (John 8:28-29). Jesus then speaks, as the workman, and the Holy Spirit is the power that responds and does what Jesus commands."

Herbert Armstrong - "Mystery of the Ages"

- A. God controls and dispenses His power as He wills
- B. God chooses how and where to release His power in our lives
- C. God focuses His power on cleanliness and character before usefulness

GOD'S POWER IS FROM UP TO DOWN

"The growth of Spirit-empowered Christianity has been nothing short of phenomenal. From a handful of believers in the early twentieth century to a global movement today numbering over 600 million people in almost every culture and denomination, those who embrace the Holy Spirit and His gifts are now the fastest growing religious group in the world."

Vincent Synan

GOD'S POWER IS FROM OPEN TO POURING

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Joel 2:28 (NIV)

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Luke 1:38 (GNT)