ARMED AND STRONG IN THE LORD

11. Faith, rising above, and focusing on the light: God's Power

*A concise explanation from the Lord:

God's Power—When I come into you, like a gushing wind that fills the sails on a boat, then I can move you along. You are not going to fit everything there possibly could be into the one little suitcase of your life, but do make sure that the best things for survival make it in. Faith is the God quality in you that tells you to keep on believing, even if many others don't. It's what tells you to keep on going, when it seems like it's the perfect time to fold up and stop, due to this and that factor. With faith you can please Me because it's the opposite of thinking and acting in the ways of the world. It's the element that keeps you focusing on what really actually matters and moving on from anything else that is troubling you or pinning you into a corner seemingly yelling to your face that "it can't be done, so give it up". But with this being of light that is stationed right next to you, you keep the faith and you don't give up; you look at things in the way that Heaven would like you to see things.

*Keys to claim in prayer, to receive empowerment to fight with these new weapons and stop the enemy's attempts to hinder our using them:

The keys of faith can give you My perspective, to help you see things as I see them, to understand why I have brought them to pass, and to know that it will work together for your good.

Some specifics that help explain more:

- When you face problems, look to the Lord and ask Him what to do, and focus on His unlimited supernatural ability.
- Read and tell true accounts of the miracles God has done for His people and is doing.
- Don't regularly watch and read and listen the worldly "news"—that which is the devil's declaration of his so called "wins" and the harm he has been inflicting. Try to find out the victories for the Kingdom of God, or ask the Lord to tell you what is really happening, and the wins that actually are occurring; the greater good that is taking place even in the midst of terrible situations.
- Don't get caught up in the spirit of fear that is in the world; remember you are under new management—
 you are part of the Kingdom of God, and Jesus is in control. He loves you, you love Him, and there is no fear
 in love.
- Pray against fear in all forms, and use the weapons that fight fear: God's Word, hearing from Jesus, and showing and receiving love; spending time loving Jesus and being reassured of His absolute love and absolute power, taking time to praise the Lord for all that He has done and is doing and the amazing things He will yet do.
- Feed your faith by reading about what God did for others who trusted Him alone to help them; and by putting the Lord to the test and calling for His help when in a tight situation.
- Do what the Word of God tells you to do, and find out that it's true. Put the Word into action, show your faith in it by your obedience, and your faith will grow.
- Use extreme praise when things look very much not in your favour, or are very difficult and painful, and the enemy seems to have gotten in with a blow. Tell Jesus you are glad for what He is allowing and that you trust Him utterly to work all things out for the best.
- Reaffirm your allegiance and loyalty to Jesus' winning side by praising the Lord no matter what happens; and thanking Him in all situations. Cheer on the King of kings' troops that are taking over the world through telling Jesus He is the best, no matter what bad thing the enemy is trying to use to turn you away from Jesus.

- When others are having very difficult times, try to point them to hope in Jesus' power, and to focus on the good; and trust that the Lord will work all things for good in each person's life who loves Jesus above all and are giving their life to do what Jesus called them to do.
- Use each challenge, trial and affliction as a nudge to get closer to Jesus, to learn more about how He feels, thinks, and wants you to be like; and use it to cause you to pray with greater fervency for others, and have more loving compassion on fellow believers. Let the difficult time cause you to pray for, and show more, the fruits of the Holy Spirit in your life. (Love, gentleness, peace, loving suffering, faith, joy, meekness, speaking the good.)

*True stories of victory, showing these fighting methods in practice:

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RIDDLE: What's more powerful than 200 atom bombs? By Samara, Istanbul Home, Turkey

[Answer: The earthquake last month! They say that the quake that hit Turkey was more than 400 times the force of the atomic explosions that hit Hiroshima and Nagasaki!

The killer quake that hit Turkey last month is said to have been the biggest of the century. It was pretty freaky to say the least! It happened in the wee hours of the morning on August 17. There had been absolutely no warning, and since earthquakes aren't a regular occurrence here, no one was prepared.

We were all blissfully sleeping in our beds, when at exactly 3:00 A.M., our whole house started shaking! One of the uncles in the Home dashed upstairs shouting "everyone out!" Everyone started tearing down the stairs-some in panties, others with sheets wrapped around them, in any and all strange manners of clothing.

There is no way to describe how horrible it sounded, except like hell; there was glass shaking and every beam and board in the house groaning and sounding like it was about to cave in. There was a roaring sound like a giant bulldozer moving through the house.

Thank God we all made it out. However, 30-40,000 people weren't as blessed as us, and died in the quake. We spent all of that night sleeping in the dewy grass with the ground pulsating under us as if trying to recover from what had happened. The obvious then happened-blackout, curfews, military moving in to keep the peace, etc. We, along with most other people in the city, spent the next few nights sleeping outside!

We went the following day to check out what had happened. At the epicenter where the earthquake hit, the town was completely leveled, as it was also on the sea front where tidal waves pulled whatever wasn't destroyed by the earthquake into the sea. We all had to wear masks as the area reeked from the smell of so much death. About 300,000 were left homeless. Nations from around the world flew in supplies, relief workers, and dogs to help locate those buried under the rubble and tents.

Thus the famous tent cities were born, where thousands of tents were set up for those who had survived. Whole cities emptied into the tent camps as tremors have become daily occurrences, and most of the remaining houses that are still standing are ready to collapse. We have been working up at this place for almost a month now, at first just helping to set up the camp, and then digging in the mud, working in the kitchen, holding crying babies, etc. Both of our Homes in Istanbul have pretty much put everything else on hold, as our personnel are busy full time in this situation.

One more disaster that happened apart from the earthquake, and then the baking heat which made the area stink, was that intense rain fell, turning everything into a sea of mud, drenching the tents and making life miserable. We approached all of our friends and supporters and people have been donating soooooo much!-From fresh fruit to play dough, school supplies, vegetables, pudding, plastics, toys, clothes, you name it. We've been going camp to camp distributing, as well as taking care of the kids and doing puppet shows and other activities for them.

The Lord said in prophecy that He had sent this earthquake to crack open people's hearts, and that is exactly what has happened. People here are so broken, and they completely devour the Heaven books that we've distributed. Prior to this the Turkish government had been cracking down on any and all sorts of evangelical activities, and deporting Christians. We've had to work with the military in these camps, and after watching us doing the most menial tasks, like picking up garbage ankle deep in mud, etc., we have totally won their trust. Now begins the time when we can start mending people's spiritual wounds. (GV 74)

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Account of our trip to Gölcük (area worst hit in the recent earthquake in Turkey) By the Izmir team

As you well know, one of the most destructive earthquakes ever occurred on the evening of August 17 in the Istanbul area of Turkey, 500 kms away from our Home...

The next morning, all the TV channels were broadcasting live, minute by minute, the terrible news of such widespread destruction. We spent the first day in prayer, as there was so much that needed to be done and we felt very small in front of the magnitude of God's doings.

Calling the Homes in Istanbul was not possible, as all phone lines were disrupted. Again, all we could do was pray. We were so grateful to be able to go to our precious Jesus and let Him handle our heavy hearts. We heard later on that the people in the Family Homes were all safe and sound. What a relief it was to know that all was well and that He had cared for His Own!

The Lord led us to join relief efforts with a team sent by a friend's company, so the eight of us prepared in a hurry, piled early the next morning into our camper and traveled the whole day. Through a sweet friend who owns a gas station, the Lord provided the fuel we needed to get there and we arrived on the spot late at night.

The place appeared to us rather spooky, as all around us were dust and crumbled buildings, some smashed flat to the ground, some tilted in grotesque positions, some of them only having slipped off their foundations, the first floor being at the level of the streets. It was a "ghost town." The laundry was still hanging on the balconies, some homes seemed ready to receive back their occupants, yet all was eerie, quiet, deserted and unreal. No one was in the streets except the relief teams, military, police forces, or volunteers. Only the screeching sounds of the ambulances broke the silence. It was a state of complete ruin and despair. There was an awful smell everywhere, and it was safer to wear masks.

It took us a while to locate the meeting place, and by the time we got there our friends had left. This was the set-up the Lord had for us. We entered the municipality building and met with the officials. They were so impressed that we had left everything behind, and that our whole family and some friends-all foreigners-had come there as soon as we could. We were put in touch with the security team of Gölcük, special police forces that are usually involved with fighting the terrorists in Eastern Turkey.

Each and every one of the officers we met were so appreciative of the time we spent with them, hearing their side of the involvement, hearing their aches, and just being there for them. Most of them hadn't slept in days, and in spite of their exhaustion, they were going out of their way to receive us in the midst of this chaos, bringing the traditional tea, and later on they sweetly fed us all. When it came time for bed that night, it was no small affair to fit all eight of us in our van, which normally could comfortably sleep four or five people. It was rather an odd sight.

After a short rest, we woke to a gloomy rainy morning, brushed our teeth right there in the street, and went to the same water tank as the locals. There was no running water anywhere, no proper toilets, no electricity, and the streets around us were filled with rubble and disoriented people. People were camping out everywhere-on the town square, on the sidewalks, away from the buildings, in open spaces.

Our police friends came to greet us and introduced us to the main relief team, headed by a very kind man in his mid-fifties. We were directed to help in the food and supply lines, and for many hours some of us stood there. It was such a heartbreaking sight, lines and lines of people having lost all, coming to get bread or basic necessities. Each person passing was desperately hoping to get some recognition, some acknowledgment, and we felt as if we were a non-stop running fountain of love, hope and comfort. All in their own ways were grateful for the look, the pat on the arm, the brave smiles we were trying to put on for them, when all along, inside, we felt like weeping. Some were as bold as taking us into their arms and thanking us over and over again.

One day felt like a week to us, as every slot of time was filled with some new event or our having to help here or there, or sit with people and just be a presence, a listening ear, a comforting hand-just being there for them.

The above account of events took place a couple of days after the earthquake. Many relief teams came from all over the world. There were Japanese, Malaysians, South Africans, French, Belgians, Mexicans, and a great variety of Turkish people from all over the country. In a situation like that, all barriers fall and everyone is there to help. There is an immediate kindred spirit that unites and cements all interactions. It is an overwhelming feeling to be surrounded with people who care for their fellowman. Everybody is making a sacrifice to be there; everyone feels called to come to the rescue. (GV 74)

I consider that I have faith for healing, faith that the Lord is going to heal my eyes--in His time. The reason I have faith that He's going to heal me in this life is because He's promised, and I believe His Word. Faith comes by hearing the Word, and I've heard the Word and I believe it.

- 13. I don't have faith to know exactly when it will happen, because the Lord hasn't told me when, but I have no doubt that the Lord will do it sooner or later. When the Lord said in prophecy that He would heal me, He also said that the time had not yet come for Him to do so. So although I don't have the faith for His immediate healing, I do have the faith for His eventual healing, at the time He knows is right.
- 14. You might say that I don't have faith for healing, because I've had my affliction for years and I haven't gotten healed. Well, in one sense you'd be right!--I don't have the faith for immediate healing. Faith is a gift from God, but if He doesn't want to heal you right now, then He's not going to give you the gift of faith for immediate healing. But the fact is that I do have faith for healing--eventual healing. I know the Lord will heal me when He's ready.
- 15. The kind of faith I have is to completely trust my life and my health and my eyes to the Lord, knowing that He will do whatever is <u>best</u> for me. I have faith that His ways are higher than my ways, and His thoughts than mine (Isa.55:8-9). I believe that He'll heal me according to His plan and His timetable, that He knows <u>what's</u> best for me, and He knows <u>when</u> it's best to give me complete healing. To me, that's the best kind of faith--to know that the Lord is in complete control and to trust Him that He's going to make it all turn out the way He wants it to--that He'll carry me through it all some way. (ML 3153)

Messages others received on these ways to fight and win in the Spirit

(Jesus speaking:) The battles rage in the spirit. The heat is rising and the fight is growing more intense than in times past. It's a battle royal! As I have told you on many occasions, these fighting days when I allow you and your loved ones to be tried and tested to the limits of both your strength and patience are not without a purpose.

- **5.** It is precisely in times such as this that I teach you to walk by faith, not sight. You've heard this more than once, that the trying of your faith is more precious than gold, but during these days you will come to know faith as you have never known it before. The purpose of this time, these present days, is to help you grow to possess pure, white, unshakable faith--faith that will not be daunted; faith that will not flinch, nor tremble, nor waver, nor even consider the possibility of giving up; faith that doesn't consider the prospect of surrender.
- 6. In these days I wish to stretch your faith to limits which not only you have never experienced, but that no other humans who have ever lived have experienced! This is the destiny of the children of David of the Time of the End--to exercise greater faith than the world has ever seen. I want more than to enrich your faith; I want your faith to reach the outer limits! I want your faith to break all records, for it must, My loves.
 - 7. This is the only type of faith that will overcome the world.
- 9. With man--that is, with your limited strength and ability--there are impossibilities, but when you fully realize your need for Me and you let Me take full control and work as only I can, then all is possible. When you reach the point of letting go of yourself, even though it's completely contrary to your natural mind, then I can bless you and reward you for that demonstration of trust in Me. Then, even though it seems hopeless and you feel weaker and slower and dumber than ever, you still believe that in spite of all that, I will come through for you. The more you reach the point of recognizing your own weakness, the more you know you need Me; and the more you know you need Me, the more you call out to Me and depend on Me. As your need and dependence on Me grows, so does My power within you grow, until you reach the point where My Spirit and power rests fully upon you. Then you truly become a new creature in Me, one who defies all the odds and can do the impossible! (ML 3316)
- **16.** When I was faced with the impossible, with that which was too hard for Me in My human strength to bear, I was driven in desperation to look for a way to overcome. This is what led Me to learn the art of rising above. This was My salvation. I didn't have to give in. I didn't have to succumb to defeat. I didn't have to bear unbearable burdens; all I had to do was rise above--up and over each and every obstacle.
- **21.** Finally I understood that this was going to be the key, the secret, the victory; this would bring triumph every time. This was how I would be able to rise above--by yielding My fleshly mind, heart, body and soul to fully receive My Father's Spirit. By receiving His Heavenly Spirit, by allowing Him to rest fully on Me, to have full sway with Methis is how I was able to rise above.
 - 22. The key was in yielding, in believing, in receiving. For though I was a man of flesh, though My Own human

spirit was willing, it was too weak--but the Spirit of My Father was not. My Father then reminded Me of the words that were given to the prophet Isaiah when he prophesied of the anointing I was to receive. The prophet said, "The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him."

- 23. Then I understood how I was to rise above, for it would not be Me; that is, My flesh. It wouldn't be through any talents or capabilities of the flesh that I possessed. It was to be in My receiving, in yielding completely to My Father, by letting go and letting His Spirit rest fully on Me, enter completely into Me, and work completely through Me. By becoming one with the Spirit of My Father, I could rise above every impossibility that would confront Me on Earth. It was when the Spirit of My Father came upon Me that I was given wisdom, knowledge, good counsel, understanding, and righteous judgment. All I had to do was to fully receive Him, to yield to His Spirit that was always available to envelop Me fully and completely, and thus give Me extreme power.
- **24.** When we became one, I then took on My Father's divine nature. Becoming one with My Father, taking on His Own nature, gave Me the strength to rise above any difficulty I was presented with, because that's when I could see things through the eyes of the spirit. That's when I was able to see through My Father's eyes. When I did, the things of the world grew dim, the unlimited possibilities of the spirit beamed through, and I saw that all things were possible when propelled by the power of Heaven!
- **25.** All I had to do was become one with My Father and let His Spirit dwell fully in Me, that is, in My flesh, and thus I had His strength and power to pull Me through each difficult spot.

you will need to receive My Spirit in you in a greater and more complete measure. As you yield more completely, as you receive My Spirit and let it fully rest upon you, as you truly "let go and let God," as you allow Me to have free rein in your heart and mind and spirit, you will be able to rise above! This is the art of rising above--to truly let go and let Me have full sway in you! This is how you can overcome any problem, any difficulty, any impossibility!

- **30.** I had to allow My Father to have full sway in My life. We had to be one; this was crucial to My survival. You must now do the same. I've been teaching you the importance of greater yieldedness and greater sensitivity to My Spirit, greater fine-tuning of your channels to be ready to receive My Words at all times, and this is what rising above is all about. The ability to rise above lies in <u>fully</u> receiving My Spirit in every fiber of your being; it's about letting Me <u>freely</u> flow through you, <u>completely</u> and <u>without reservation</u>. (ML 3317)
- **22.**(Jesus speaking:) He told Me what I needed to do was focus <u>more</u> on the <u>power of the keys</u> than on the <u>obstacles</u> I faced. He said I needed to <u>forget</u> about looking at the obstacles and set My focus <u>only</u> on the power I had access to. I had to acknowledge that the obstacles were there; I had to acknowledge there was a problem; but when I was faced with an obstacle, I was to instantly <u>focus</u> on the power, focus on the keys, focus on My Father, on His Word, and on what I knew to be true.
- **23.** I had to focus on His Word, on the power of the keys, <u>not</u> on the circumstances that surrounded Me. He told Me clearly that what I had to do was to ignore all other possibilities of solutions to any given problem or obstacle I faced. I had to ignore all other voices crying out to Me and <u>only</u> focus on the keys.
- **24.** How was I to do this? I was in the flesh as you are, surrounded by the things of the Earth. I was not exempt from carnal thinking. My Father said it was simple, really--a simple matter of faith <u>alone</u>. I had to focus on His power rather than carnal thinking, and the way to do this was to <u>exercise</u> My faith in His Word, in His promises to Me, and most importantly, I had to not only claim His promise, but I had to <u>act</u> on the Word I was given.
- 25. I was to look fully to My Father by putting the instruction He gave Me into action; this was focusing on the power. I would shoot up prayers and hear from My Father on the spot, but the key to focusing on the power was to take immediate action and do what He told Me to do, and do it right then if He was so leading.
- **26.** The key was not only in calling on the keys, but in following through. By taking action, by being a doer of the Word that I was given, there was no room to even contemplate other possibilities, which would block the power of the keys I had available to Me. Being a <u>doer</u> of the Word, obedient only to the will of My Father, was My declaration of faith. Obeying and acting on the Word--the power of the Word--opened the floodgates for the power of the keys to flow through Me. (ML 3374)

Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

Call on the keys of faith and they will give you eyes to see things in the spirit, the way I do.

MAT.17:20 ... If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed... nothing shall be impossible unto you.

ACT.20:24b None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy.

When you fully realize your need for Me and you let Me take full control and work as only I can, then all is possible. (ML 3316)

As your need and dependence on Me grows, so does My power within you grow, until you reach the point where My Spirit and power rests fully upon you. (ML 3316)

By becoming one with the Spirit of My Father, I could rise above every impossibility that would confront Me on Earth. (ML 3317)

How Jesus taught or fought with this Spiritual weapon:

- **MAT.21:19** And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.
 - MAT.21:20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!
- **MAT.21:21** Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.
 - MAT.21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
 - MAR.11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.
- **MAR.11:23** For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
- **MAR.11:24** Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.
- **MAR.11:25** And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.
 - MAR.11:26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.
 - **LUK.17:3** Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.
- **LUK.17:4** And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.
 - LUK.17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.
- **LUK.17:6** And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.
- **MAT.17:15** Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.
 - MAT.17:16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.
- **MAT.17:17** Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.
- **MAR.9:20** And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.
 - MAR.9:21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.
- **MAR.9:22** And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.
 - MAR.9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.
 - MAR.9:24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine

unbelief.

- **MAR.9:25** When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.
- **MAR.9:26** And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.
 - MAR.9:27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.
 - MAT.17:19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?
- **MAT.17:20** And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.
 - MAT.17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.
- **LUK.24:15** And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.
 - **LUK.24:16** But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.
- **LUK.24:17** And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?
- **LUK.24:18** And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?
- **LUK.24:19** And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:
- **LUK.24:20** And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.
- **LUK.24:21** But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.
 - LUK.24:22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;
- **LUK.24:23** And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.
- **LUK.24:24** And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.
 - LUK.24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:
 - **LUK.24:26** Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?
- **LUK.24:27** And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.
 - **LUK.1:11** And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.
 - LUK.1:12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.
- **LUK.1:13** But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.
 - **LUK.1:14** And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.
- **LUK.1:15** For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.
 - LUK.1:16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.
- **LUK.1:17** And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.
- **LUK.1:18** And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.
 - LUK.1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent

to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

- **LUK.1:20** And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.
 - LUK.1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
- **LUK.1:27** To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
- **LUK.1:28** And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
- **LUK.1:29** And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
 - LUK.1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
 - LUK.1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
- **LUK.1:32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
 - LUK.1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.
 - LUK.1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
- **LUK.1:35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
- **LUK.1:36** And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.
 - LUK.1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.
- **LUK.1:38** And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.