

Mary's Thoughts

Text: But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. (Luke 2:19)

Intro: a time to treasure

I. The Angel's Report

God's Covenant with David

Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever. (2 Samuel 7:16)

Son of the Most High

Genesis 17:12 And every male among you who is a son of eight days shall be circumcised...

Genesis 35:18 And it came about as her soul was departing (for she died), that she named him Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin.

2 Kings 6:32 Now Elisha ... said to the elders, *"Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head?"*

Job 28:8 "The sons of pride [beasts] have not trodden it...

Exodus 4:22 - "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, "Israel is My son, My first-born.

Jeremiah 31:9 With weeping they shall come and by supplication I will lead them; I will make them walk by streams of waters; on a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is My first-born.

Hosea 1:10 and it will come about that, in the place where it is said to them, "You are not My people," It will be said to them, "You are the sons of the living God."

Psalms 82:6 You are gods [kings], and all of you are sons of the Most High.

The Angel's Report:

1. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and
2. the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and
3. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end. (Luke 1:32-33)

III. Simeon's Report

thoughts of the heart

Mary -

Simeon - "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, and the glory of Your people Israel." (Luke 2:29-32)

Anna - And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks unto God, and spake of him to all them that were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. (Luke 2:38)

Herod - Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. (Matthew 2:16)

And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed--and a sword will pierce even your own soul--to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." (Luke 2:33-35)

IV. John's Report

So the disciples went away again to their own homes. (John 20:10)

Application 1: Only Begotten

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him. (John 1:14, 18)

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ... He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:16, 18)

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)