

WOMEN BRINGING INCREDIBLE NEWS FROM HEAVEN

Gen 3:15 *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

Rev 12:17 *And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

In the Old Testament, the Devil targeted the woman and spoke directly to Eve away from her husband, Adam. Women have suffered much throughout history – abuse, violence and prejudice for just being women. Now, however, in the New Testament, women were the first to hear the Gospel and believe. The prophecy of the seed of the woman was now being fulfilled in Nazareth. Let us remember that the Devil knew that God had anyhow planned to deliver humanity from sin through his own flesh and blood. He was aware that humans made of the dust cannot be the image of God. The real image of God is Jesus Christ, and the Devil knew he had to be born of a woman, hence the reason he targeted Eve.

Rom 5:14 *Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.*

“And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda” (Luke 1:39). This is about 175 kilometers! Mary was a woman with the greatest news that a woman ever brought, and she was taking it to another woman. Imagine a scenario where she would have been asked at a modern airport today: “Do you have anything to declare?” Yes, that God almighty is in my womb.

Isaiah 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Hallelujah! While Zechariah and Joseph had their doubts and even disbelief, Mary and Elisabeth fellowshiped and celebrated their faith together. Someone once said that it takes a little faith to take us to heaven, but great faith brings heaven down to us. Mary is not the Queen of heaven or the mother of God, as Catholics claim, but she was not just another woman either. Her faith brought heaven down to her. “And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth” (Luke 1:26). Matthew, Mark, Luke and John may have been chosen to write the Gospels, but they were not around when these events took place – they had to consult the women who were the first to hear the good news of the coming of the Messiah and his forerunner, John the Baptist. In the Garden

of Eden, the woman unleashed knowledge that devastated the world, but, now, from Nazareth a woman carried the greatest ever news headline for humanity.

Similarly, at the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, women played the most important role. Once again, the men lacked faith and even left the Lord, but the women refused to abandon the Lord. “There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome” (Mark 15:40). Just as Seraphim and Cherubim never leave the glorious throne of God, it appears women never left the body of the Lord – whether in Nazareth, Bethlehem or Golgotha, they were dedicated to their Lord and Savior. After all, he is called the Seed of the woman. The Seed belongs to God, but he chose a woman through whom he would manifest himself to the world. “How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man” (Jeremiah 31:22). How were they rewarded for their persistence and faithfulness to the body of the Lord? They once again were the first to declare incredible news from heaven to the world.

Luke 24:10 *It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.*

Once again, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John had to consult these women about the events surrounded the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The men were simply not there! It was the tears of Mary Magdalene at the sepulcher that revealed Jesus. “Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away” (John 20:15). We should not think the tears of women to be weak – the tears of Mary Magdalene brought the resurrected Lord Jesus to her. As a child growing up, I was aware that my mother, a single mother, struggled to raise us. This made me very strong and resilient but there was one thing I could stand: the tears of my mother. Something churned within my soul and I would break into a thousand pieces. Precious are the tears of women in the eyes of the Lord; with their tears they wash the feet of the Lord.

Luke 7:44 *And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.*

The church itself is spiritually called a woman. “But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she

which hath an husband” (Galatians 4:26,27). The church is compared to a woman who gives birth, loves and nurtures children. What a great heritage women have purchased to themselves in the Word of God! Let no one despise thy youth, Paul told Timothy. Let no one despise thy womanhood, sisters! God himself assigned these amazing roles for you in his ministry, sisters!