



An Army of Women Like the Sand of the Sea

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Mary's Response Is Our Example

When God speaks a Word over your life, it is not a simple thing. Mary was probably a young teen when the angel appeared to her and said, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus” (Luke 1:30-31). Mary was perplexed by this greeting and asked 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. ... For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.”

LUKE 1:34-35, 37-38

This experience was absolutely beyond Mary's comprehension, yet in obedience she replied, “May it be done to me according to your word.”



Allow the Word to Work in You and Through You

Mary recognized how difficult the fulfillment of this Word was going to be in her life. She may have thought, “Oh, no! This is horrible! As soon as this Word comes to pass, I’m going to die.” In Mary’s day if a woman played the harlot or committed adultery, she was stoned to death (Deuteronomy 22:20-24). Mary knew her family and friends would reject her and that her life was in danger. Being pregnant out of marriage was a tremendous reproach (John 8:41). But Mary’s response was remarkable: “May it be done to me according to your word.” Although Mary had every reason to be reluctant, she allowed the Word of the Lord to have free course in her life and trusted in God’s goodness to bring it to pass.

When God gives you a Word or makes a Scripture come alive for you, you must open the door and allow it to happen in your life. You cannot work it out in yourself or say, “I believed the Word and made it happen.” No. That is a wrong concept. In reality, God speaks a Word over you, and you go through many things until you finally give up and allow the Word itself to work in you and through you (Psalm 105:19). This is the process of a walk with God as He works in you to fulfill the Word.

**For it is God who is at work in you,
both to will and to work for His good pleasure.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:13



An Army of Women

The Lord showed me that there will be an army of women who begin to move in the Church and in the earth. Their keynote will be this attitude: “May it be done to me according to your word.” Mary was the point of origin for this response; without it, there would have been no Christ in the flesh—at least not at that moment. Since God never crosses your will, Mary had to participate by opening her heart; yet her attitude is something unique to the woman’s ministry. There is something in the creation of a woman that God had in mind with this idea of His Word having free course in humanity. Mary was simply the expression of a fulfillment that God had planned all along.

There is something distinctive about the woman’s ministry and this concept, “May it be done to me according to your word.” God is raising up women in the earth who will train other women to move with this heart and spirit, and it will release the woman’s ministry in the Church worldwide. However, this process could go much faster if people would simply say, “May it be done to me according to your word.” As you open your heart to allow the Word to work in you, you will see a lot of ramifications. But you have Mary as an example because it was not easy for her. It could have cost Mary her life.



Mothers in Israel

As we move into the end-time ministry of the Body of Christ, we must see the release of the mother ministry. We must have the ministry of these spiritual mothers, the mothers in Israel (Judges 5:7). It has to happen, and I believe there will be teachers of it. I do not think women just move into this ministry on their own. It must be taught and imparted. It is something you must receive in an attitude that allows the Word of God to have free course in your life.

From the very beginning, there was something in the woman's ministry that was dynamite. The proof of that can be found in the book of Genesis. "The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you. ... On your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life'" (Genesis 3:14). This was the serpent's consequence for what he had done in beguiling Eve; however, it was not his final judgment. In the plan of God, satan's judgment is distinctly something that transpires between the serpent and the woman.

**“And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her
seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the
heel.”**

GENESIS 3:15

Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament Scriptures translated this verse, “He (the seed of the woman, man) shall lie in wait for thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for his heel; he shall endeavor to crush thy head, and thou shalt endeavor to crush his heel.” The Hebrew word for crushing denotes beating one over the head constantly, bashing in the head, or bludgeoning. This crushing of satan will be done by the seed of the woman. So if you were satan, what would you do? You would block the woman from ever being able to bring forth this seed as the fulfillment of the prophecy. Women have always been put down in society or by religion because satan knows that the woman is the answer or at least the beginning of his demise. It is amazing to see how globally in every culture and religion, women are suppressed. Is that just an accident? If no one else was listening to God in the Garden, satan was.

Part of the woman's ministry of bringing to birth is to nurture, feed, and train a child. She does not just leave the child to grow up on its own. The woman also teaches the child how to relate to the father and how to relate to its environment. So the woman is necessary in the preparation of the child for the fulfillment of this prophecy and the destruction of satan. Obviously, Mary and Yeshua (Jesus) were a tremendous and specific fulfillment of this prophecy. But prophecy has multiple fulfillments and usually it will have two major fulfillments. What Mary did and the birth of Yeshua was the initial fulfillment. If we believe that we are in the end-time, then we believe to see the judgment of satan and his host as we usher in the Kingdom of God on earth. This is how the fulfillment of this prophecy will happen. It is brought forth through the woman.



The Necessity of the Woman's Ministry in the End-Time

In the timing of the Lord, the Body of Christ will crush satan and execute his judgment. We know that Christ already defeated satan at the cross, but what triggers this crushing of satan in our day? It will be the woman's ministry. In Christ's day, it was Mary and what she did that fulfilled the prophecy. After the ascension of Yeshua and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, everything about Christ was distributed throughout His Body. Thus, we will see the global fulfillment of this prophecy in a company of people. We have not seen satan battered and crushed yet, but it will happen through an army of women who come forth saying, "May it be done to me according to your word."

A mother teaches a child to be obedient. And it is this true obedience that crushes satan as you allow the Word of God to have free course in your life. Obedience is not just doing everything you are told; rather, it is standing in a place that commands your being to think and function according to the Word of the Lord. We are the seed of the woman, and we are going to bludgeon the enemy. As Paul reminds us, "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet" (Romans 16:20).

By faith, I am prophesying and creating a generation of women who will have this attitude, "May it be done to me according to your word." This will not happen by your determination alone. Instead, start prophesying to your spirit, soul, and body that the Word of God will have free course in you and find its fulfillment. Men also need to be under this training to understand how to create the atmosphere for the woman to bring forth. The man's relationship to the woman has been perverted to the place where he suppresses her, saying, "I'm in charge. What is important is me!" That is not true. Men must learn from the woman's ministry how to become that seed. The seed must be taught. It must be nurtured and shown how to bruise the head of satan. There needs to be an atmosphere for the women to function.

There is going to be an army of women like the sand of the sea that will manifest in the earth in this hour. They are going to have the ability to create the seed and put an end to satan and his host. Again, this great conclusion of salvation starts with a woman: “The dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child” (Revelation 12:4). But the child was caught up to the throne of God and the woman was nourished by God in the wilderness. There will be a protection for these women, and they will bring forth the seed. The woman will not be devoured. Just as there was a threat to destroy Mary, so there will be a threat to destroy the ministry of the woman in this day. It all ties back to the prophecy in Genesis, and all the players know what is going to happen.

And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.”

Revelation 12:9-11

This picture is unfolding now. We prophesy the birth of sons and the full salvation of Christ being manifested in our day by the Word of the Lord. Let the great sign of the woman appear as she brings the sons to birth (Revelation 12:1)!

All Scripture references are from the New American Standard Bible 1995 (NASB1995).

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