

# GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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## No Word Without Power

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**T**he New Testament reveals that some of men’s words are “idle” words producing nothing profitable, but condemning judgment in the last day; and sometimes men speak “empty” words which are void of truth, deceiving hearers (*Matthew 12:36-37, Ephesians 5:6*). However, when God speaks, His word is always the truth (*John 17:17*), and always powerful. Gabriel, the announcing angel claims, “*For no word from God shall be void of power*” (*Luke 1:37*).

Gabriel was sent from God to give Mary a seven-fold promise: (1) she will “conceive” in her womb (2) “a son named Jesus.” (3) “He shall be great”, and (4) shall be “called the Son of the Most High.” (5) “The Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David” and (6) and “shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever”: (7) “Of His kingdom, there shall be no end” (*Luke 1:31-35*).

Would all of these things come true? Were they improbable? Wait! Gabriel adds a new fact: Mary’s kinswoman Elizabeth “*she also hath conceived a son in*

*her old age...and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren*” (*Luke 1:36*). Elizabeth had been experiencing God’s promise coming true for sixth months now. Surely Mary will experience the fulfillment of promises made to her. What might seem improbable can be counted upon as coming true. Therefore Mary trusting that no word of God is void of power says, “*be it unto me according to thy word*” (*Luke 1:38*).

It may seem improbable to many that all the cemeteries throughout the world in a moment of time will open up releasing all who have died. But Jesus promises this very event: “*Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment*” (*John 5:28-29*). Don’t marvel, for no word of God is void of power. This hour of judgment will come. It will not be the hour that all begin to turn from evil and do good, but the time when the moral character of our life already lived will rise to up-most importance determining our eternal destiny. Doing good

and eschewing evil every day we live should be a priority because the no word of God is void of power.

We understand that individuals pass from this life daily, but to think that one day this whole world will pass away with fire may seem improbable to some. But the Lord is not slack concerning His promise. The day of the Lord will come in which “*the heavens shall pass away with a great noise*”, and “*the earth and the works therein will be burned up*” (*2 Peter 3: 10*). Knowing this, we should reflect soberly on our life. “*What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness*” (*2 Peter 3:11*). Knowing that no word of God is void of power, living for the world to come instead of this present world is the only life worthy of our attention.

When God makes a promise he has the power to make it happen. His word promising incredible things will occur. You can count on it. There are no April fool’s jokes with God!