

## 01. HE DOES NOT LIE TO HER

### YOUR SOUL & THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING

“I HAVE NOT SPOKEN IN SECRET, IN A DARK PLACE OF THE EARTH; I DID NOT SAY TO THE SEED OF JACOB, ‘SEEK ME IN VAIN’; I, THE LORD, SPEAK RIGHTEOUSNESS, I DECLARE THINGS THAT ARE RIGHT.” ISAIAH 45:19

#### I. THE INTEGRITY OF HIS WORD

- A. God says we can look at His and David’s relationship and relate to Him the same way. (Isaiah 55:3-4)
- B. We cannot let our experiences dictate our theology nor let our emotions trump the Holy Spirit in our hearts and minds. We must bring our feelings before the Lord.
- C. For all the power demonstrated by His Word, it is no wonder the first accusation subjected the integrity of His Word to undue scrutiny.
  - 1) Genesis 3:1-5; John 1:1-5; Colossians 1:15-20

#### II. THE DANGER OF DISILLUSIONMENT

- A. Disillusionment paves the road for doubt. While we do not make friends with Genesis 3:1, we must shepherd those who have doubt into maturity.
  - 1) Romans 14:1
- B. We don’t build a platform for “doubt-filled believers.” We make war on doubt because it will kill us. “Did God really say?”
  - A. James 1:6; Psalm 12:6
- C. God does not lie to you. He will do it.
  - 1) Romans 3:4; Numbers 23:19
- D. Many of us need this prayer on our lips.
  - 1) Mark 9:24
    - a) The Holy Spirit meets us and prays prayers we cannot pray. Jesus is literally praying for us right now, but we have to fight to match the word of the Lord in our own confession.
- E. Luke 1
  - 1) Mary’s response
    - a) Luke 1:26-33

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- i. Mary had the advantage of youth: she wasn't jaded yet. She wasn't cynical yet. And that purity allowed her to BELIEVE GOD without apprehension or hesitation and agree with His Word and purposes over her life.
  1. "God chose the woman who said 'Let it be to me according to Your word' to raise the Man who would say, 'Not My will but Yours be done.'" - Anna Blanc
- 2) Zacharias's response
  - a) [Luke 1:5-25](#)
    - i. Zacharias and Elizabeth were BLAMELESS before the Lord and still lived a dead dream. They lived their "worst-case scenario."
    - ii. Disappointment breeds disillusionment. Disillusionment paves a smooth road for unbelief to ride on. Zacharias was so drunk on disillusionment, he literally couldn't believe an angelic messenger in an encounter. "How will I KNOW?!"
    - iii. [Isaiah 54:1-3](#)
      1. this is Jerusalem's destiny

### III. OUR CONFIDENCE IN HIS COVENANTAL FIDELITY

- A. [Luke 1:70-72](#); [Amos 3:7](#); [Psalm 25:8-11](#)
- B. Our ability to believe for our own future grace five millennia or five minutes from now hinges on the depth and degree of integrity we believe the Word of the LORD holds.
- C. Jerusalem confronts us with Satan's four slanderous words like little else can. It illustrates to us God's commitment to the fullness of His prophecies and the truth that no word He speaks will fail to achieve what He's ordained.
- D. If He doesn't keep His Word to Jerusalem, He cannot and will not keep His Word to us.
- E. He does not lie. He does not lead astray. We can sleep at night knowing that when we lean on Him we will not be put to shame. He will lift even the shame of our disappointment and deliver us from it. In the end, we will have a testimony like Elizabeth's.