



Does the Bible permit both men & women
to be pastors/ elders/ overseers?

TACKLING TOUGH QUESTIONS

What leadership roles does the Bible
teach for men & women in scripture?

Sunday, January 18th, from 6 – 7:30 pm

The First Advent
of the King of all kings



**Born to Rule,
Born to Save**

Angelic news of the forerunner and the King

Zechariah and Elizabeth were seen as upright but had no children. The angel, Gabriel, tells Zechariah they will have a son.

Elizabeth conceives, while Zechariah is mute, and the baby is born. On the 8th day, the baby was named John, the forerunner of the Messiah.

The angel, Gabriel, appears to Mary and tells her she is highly favored because she will give birth to the long-awaited Messiah.

Mary needed clarification on how this was going to work since she was a virgin. Mary confirmed she was an obedient slave of the Lord.

Luke 1:39-45 (NIV) ³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Luke 1:46-50 (LSB) ⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. ⁴⁸ For He has looked
upon the humble state of His slave, for behold, from this time on, all
generations will count me blessed. ⁴⁹ For the Mighty One has done
great things for me, and holy is His name. **AND HIS MERCY IS UPON
GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.**

*With Elizabeth's Spirit-
inspired greeting, Mary
also seems to be
receiving inspiration
from the Holy Spirit. A
time to rejoice, indeed!*

Psalms 111:10 (CSB)
*The fear of the Lord is the
beginning of wisdom; all
who follow his instructions
have good insight. His
praise endures forever.*

*You cannot please God
without humility. Mary,
indeed, was blessed,
but even more blessed
are those who hear
Jesus' words and obey.*

**Though God is the most gracious and merciful of all, do
you tremble at His power? Do you fear the Almighty God?**

Luke 1:51-56 (NKJV) ⁵¹ He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered *the* proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵² He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones, and exalted *the* lowly. ⁵³ He has filled *the* hungry with good things, and *the* rich He has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of *His* mercy, ⁵⁵ As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever." ⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

Mary's praise continues its similarity to Hannah's prayer. The humble are lifted up & the proud & mighty are brought low.

It had been 2,100 years since God's promise to Abraham. What a joyful time to know that the fulfillment was at hand!

James 5:1 (NASB₁₉₉₅)
Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you.

Have you come to realize that when you choose to follow Jesus and put your faith in Him, you are truly a child of Abraham?

Matthew 1:18-21 (HCSB) ¹⁸ The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ So her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly. ²⁰ But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

Do you truly know that there is no salvation outside of Jesus?