

# HIGHLY FAVORED???

## Luke 2

*And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" Luke 1:28 NKJV*

*But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." Matt 1:20-21*

**Mary's Blessing: an \_\_\_\_\_**

**We would say it's \_\_\_\_\_**

**A Ruined \_\_\_\_\_**

*(Jesus) You are doing the things your own father does." "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. (John 8:41)*

**\_\_\_\_\_ from Family**

*For even his own brothers did not believe in him. John 7:5*

**A Significant \_\_\_\_\_ to the Mother**

*If there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. Lev. 20:10*

*For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. ...Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them. Psa. 139:13-16*

**(v.1) Augustus; increased, augmented (Hitchcock's)**

**Micah told us where Jesus would be born 733-701 BC**

*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from old, From everlasting." Mic. 5:2*

**Bethlehem- Beth-Lechem "place of Bread (Strong's)**

**(Jesus) "I am the bread of life. John 6:48**

**God works supernaturally through \_\_\_\_\_ Ways**

*The steps of good men are directed by the Lord. He delights in each step they make. Psa. 37:23 TLB*

**Sometimes God uses difficult Circumstances to get us exactly where He wants us, to accomplish His Purpose.**

**(v.7)**

**Manger- (to eat); a crib (for fodder):-Manger, Stall.**

*The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29*

**(v.7) "her Firstborn" implies there will be \_\_\_\_\_**

*...and kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus. Matt 1:25*

*Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?" Matt 13:55-56*

**(vs. 16-20)**

**God doesn't immediately \_\_\_\_\_ the Circumstances  
But sends \_\_\_\_\_ in the Circumstances**

**Highly Favored but \_\_\_\_\_ Challenged (vs. 22-24)**

*These are the regulations for the woman who gives birth to a boy or a girl. If she cannot afford a lamb, she is to bring two doves or two young pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for her, and she will be clean." Lev.12:7-8*

**Less than 2 years Later:**

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."... After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they **fell** to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matt 2:1-2 & 11-12*