

The Answer of the Ages

Luke 1:26–38

Introduction

On this very day in 1941—eighty-four years ago—our world changed. News of the attack on Pearl Harbor spread across our nation, and with one shocking event, thousands of young men and women were suddenly called into a mission far bigger than themselves

But more than ago an event occurred that should bring all of us to a realization that we are called to serve an eternal mission that is far bigger than we can appreciate.

As we look into Luke 1:26-27 we will find embedded in verses 32-33 the universal message of who, what and the why of Jesus mission.

1. The Throne — Shows His Ownership and Occupation

“He will be great... and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.”
— Luke 1:32

A throne symbolizes rule, authority, and rightful ownership. Jesus did not come simply as a teacher, a miracle worker, or a moral example. He came as the King—the One whose throne is not borrowed, temporary, or contested. His throne is eternal and guaranteed.

When Gabriel said, “He will be great,” he wasn’t offering Mary a vague compliment. He was identifying the One she would bear as the sovereign ruler over all creation. The throne tells us Jesus doesn’t just influence His world—He *owns* it. He doesn’t just participate in human history—He *reigns* over it.

- Here is the danger:

We can underestimate the significance of Jesus Throne.

- And because He is King, our response is simple:

So worship with consistent joy.

Not seasonal worship. Not emergency-based worship. Not “when I feel like it” worship. Consistent, steady, joyful worship—acknowledging that the One born in Bethlehem now sits upon the throne of heaven. Let your worship reflect His worth.

2. The House of Jacob — Shows His Promise and Faithfulness

“...and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever...”

— *Luke 1:33a*

The “house of Jacob” reminds us of God’s covenant people. It reminds us of promises made long before Mary was born—promises beginning with Abraham, carried through Isaac and Jacob, preserved through generations of wandering, rebellion, deliverance, and restoration.

The Old Testament develops in detail this promise of an eternal Davidic kingdom (see 2 Sam. 7:8–16; 1 Kin. 2:24, 25; Ps. 2:1–12; 89:14, 19–29, 35–37; 110:1–7; 132:11, 12; Is. 9:6, 7; 11:1–5, 10; Jer. 23:5, 6). First-century Israelites based their hopes on these promises, but their focus was on a political and earthly kingdom.

Every step of Israel’s story whispers the same truth:

God keeps His promises.

➤ Here is the danger:

We can underappreciate the significance of Jesus’ faithfulness.

We forget that the same God who kept His promises to Jacob is the God who keeps His promises to us. He is faithful yesterday, faithful today, and faithful forever.

And because His promises are sure: **So trust with growing confidence.**

3. The Unending Kingdom — Shows His Victory and Glory

“...and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

— *Luke 1:33b*

Kingdoms rise and fall. Leaders come and go. Nations grow strong and then weaken. Our history books are filled with the stories of powerful empires that eventually turned to dust.

But not this Kingdom. Not this King.

Jesus' kingdom is not confined to borders or centuries. It is eternal, unstoppable, unshakeable, and glorious. When Jesus came to earth, He didn't begin His kingdom—He revealed it. And that kingdom will never end.

➤ Here is the danger:

**We can undervalue the significance of Jesus' rulership.
So serve with faithful enthusiasm.**

Not reluctant service. Not half-hearted participation.

Serve with joy, passion, and purpose—because you are part of the only kingdom that will survive eternity. Let your service reflect His glory.

Conclusion

Just as Pearl Harbor awakened a nation to a mission beyond individual comfort or preference, Gabriel's announcement to Mary should awaken us to our eternal calling.

Jesus has a throne—so worship.

Jesus has a faithful house—so trust.

Jesus has an unending kingdom—so serve.

The question is simple:

Are we taking too lightly Jesus' mission—and our connection to it?

Discussion Questions

1. Which aspect of Jesus' identity—His throne, His house, or His kingdom—speaks most directly to your life right now, and why?
2. In what ways do you find yourself underestimating the significance of Jesus' authority in your daily choices or attitudes?
3. How does remembering God's faithfulness to the "house of Jacob" strengthen your personal trust in His promises today?
4. What practical steps can you take to serve Christ with renewed enthusiasm and purpose?
5. How does the unending nature of Christ's kingdom reshape your outlook on current struggles, fears, or uncertainties?